
Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way – Portion of Lane Anderson Crescent – College Park Neighbourhood

ISSUE

Administration requests approval to permanently close a portion of lane between 246 Anderson Crescent and 930 McKercher Drive.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council consider Bylaw 9933 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2023 (No.5);
2. That after closure permanent infrastructure be installed once funded;
3. That all costs associated with closure be paid by the applicant, including Solicitor's fees and disbursements.

BACKGROUND

In 2015, the Administration received concerns that drivers were speeding and shortcutting in the north-south lane between Anderson Crescent and McKercher Drive. In response to the concern, temporary concrete barriers were installed to block traffic from passing through the north-south lane.

In 2018, through the College Park Neighbourhood Traffic Review, the temporary closure was supported and therefore left in place.

A street closing bylaw is required to:

- remove the temporary concrete barriers and install more permanent and aesthetically pleasing infrastructure such as bollards; and
- permanently close the right-of-way in accordance with *The Cities Act*.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The following steps, in chronological order, have been completed as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1 – Proposed closure of right-of-way process summary

Date	Action	Comments
October 2023	Proposed Lane Closure drawing submitted.	Total area to be closed is 10 square metres.
November 2023	Review comments from Ministry of Highways are received. Ministry of Highways requires no compensation and does not object.	City of Saskatoon initiated the circulation of the proposed lane closure drawing to Ministry of Highways, a required action under Section 13 of <i>The Cities Act</i> .
December 2023	Public Notice, Bylaw and City Council Report	None.

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To complete this transaction, the Administration requires that City Council approve Bylaw No. 9933 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2023 (No. 5) (Appendix 1).

A dead-end situation will not be created. A turnaround area exists currently and will remain. All property access currently in place will remain.

In June 2023, sixteen properties in close proximity were surveyed regarding the proposed closure with results indicating 47% supporting the proposal, 0% non-supportive and 53% did not respond.

Communication activities are included with the requirement for Public Notice. No other communication activities are required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for permanent infrastructure will be determined through future budget and department workplan considerations.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Public Notice is required for consideration of this matter, pursuant to Section 3 (subsection b) of Policy No. C01-021, The Public Notice Policy. The following notice was provided:

- Public Notice mailed to the same 16 properties as the survey sent out in June 2023 (Appendix 3);
- Advertised in The StarPhoenix on December 2, 2023 and December 4, 2023 (Appendix 2);
- Posted on the City Hall Notice Board on December 1, 2023; and
- Posted on the City of Saskatoon website on December 1, 2023.

There are no social or environmental implications identified.

APPENDICES

1. Bylaw No. 9933 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2023 (No. 5)
2. Public Notice – Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way – Portion of Lane between 246 Anderson Crescent and 930 McKercher Drive
3. Mailing List for Public Notices

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