
Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way – Portion of Lane Rutter Crescent – Greystone Heights Neighbourhood

ISSUE

Administration requests approval to permanently close a portion of lane between 21 Rutter Crescent and St. Patrick Park.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council consider Bylaw 9932 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2023 (No. 4);
2. That after closure permanent infrastructure will be installed once funded;
3. That all costs associated with closure be paid by the applicant, including Solicitor's fees and disbursements.

BACKGROUND

Over 10 years ago metal posts were installed to address complaints of speeding and shortcutting in the lane.

A street closure bylaw is required to:

- remove the temporary metal posts 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 11 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.

To complete this transaction, the Administration requires that City Council approve Bylaw No. 9932 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2023 (No. 4) (Appendix 1).

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

In June 2023, 28 neighbours were surveyed regarding the proposed closure with results indicating 43% supporting the proposal, 7% non-supportive and 50% 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 same 28 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. 9932 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2023 (No. 4)
2. Public Notice – Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way – Portion of Lane between 21 Rutter Crescent and St. Patrick Park
3. Mailing List for Public Notices

Report Approval

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