
Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way – Portion of Lane 1900 Block 20th Street West and 200 Block Avenue S South – Pleasant Hill Neighbourhood

ISSUE

Administration requests approval to close a portion of lane adjacent to 1902, 1904, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1918 and 1922 20th Street West and 215 Avenue S South. The portion of closed lane, with the exception of a portion of lane adjacent to 1902 20th Street West, will then be combined with adjacent properties to form one larger parcel.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9956 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2024;
2. That after closure, the former right-of-way be sold to the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement for \$29,840.00 + GST;
3. That all costs associated with closure be paid by the applicant, including Solicitor's fees and disbursements.

BACKGROUND

Acquiring this portion of lane allows the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement to combine properties they already own with this portion of lane to form a larger parcel for future development.

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
November 2023	Proposed Road Closure drawing submitted.	Total area to be closed is 0.30 acres.
December 2023	Review comments from Ministry of Highways. Ministry of Highways requires no compensation and does not object.	Meridian Surveys initiated the circulation of the Proposed Road Closure drawing to Ministry of Highways, a required action under Section 13 of <i>The Cities Act</i> .
December 2023	Proposed subdivision is approved by Planning and Development.	Subdivision No. 38/23.
January 2024	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. 9956 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2024 (Appendix 1).

A dead-end situation will not be created, and the closure will not restrict or eliminate legal access to adjacent parcels.

Utility agencies have been contacted with respect to the closure. Saskatoon Light & Power, SaskEnergy, SaskTel and Shaw have agreements with the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement to re-locate their services.

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

The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement own all properties adjacent to this proposed closure except 1902 20th Street West. The property owner of 1902 20th Street West and the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement have an agreement in place where the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement will sell a portion of the lane adjacent to 1902 20th Street West to the property owner in order to be consolidated with the existing property.

The north/south portion of the lane was closed and sold to the Saskatoon Public School Board through Bylaw 880 on September 8, 1914 but does not appear to have been formally closed by the Saskatoon Public School Board. If approved, this closure will formally close this portion of the lane.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If approved, the closure of the right-of-way will be sold for \$29,840.00 + GST to the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement. These funds are put in the Dedicated Roadway Reserve as part of Bylaw No. 6774, The Capital Reserve Bylaw. The purpose of the Dedicated Roadway Reserve is as follows:

“The purpose of the Dedicated Roadway Reserve is to fund the purchase of property required for the construction or reconstruction of roadways in previously developed areas of the City.”

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:

- Advertised in The StarPhoenix on January 13, 2024 and January 15, 2024 (Appendix 2);
- Posted on the City Hall Notice Board on January 12, 2024; and
- Posted on the City of Saskatoon website on January 12, 2024.

There are no social or environmental implications identified.

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APPENDICES

1. Bylaw No. 9956 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2024
2. Public Notice – Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way – Portion of Lane 1900 Block 20th Street West and 200 Block Avenue S South

Report Approval

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