

## Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way and Buffer Redesignation – Portion of 33rd Street West – Kensington Neighbourhood

### ISSUE

Administration requests approval to close a portion of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street West and redesignate buffer strips adjacent to 33<sup>rd</sup> Street West. This portion of road and buffers will then be transferred to Saskatoon Land for future development of residential lots and a park. This portion of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street West is no longer open to vehicle traffic and this closure aligns with the Kensington Concept Plan.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council consider Bylaw No. 10014 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2024 (No. 3).
2. That City Council consider Bylaw No. 10015 - The Buffer Strip Redesignation Bylaw, 2024.
3. That after closure the former right-of-way and buffers be transferred to Saskatoon Land;
4. That all costs associated with closure be paid by the applicant, including Solicitor's fees and disbursements.

### BACKGROUND

Acquiring this portion of the former 33<sup>rd</sup> Street West and buffer strips allows Saskatoon Land to develop the area into residential lots and a park as part of the Kensington neighbourhood.

### 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 2022	Drawing of Proposed Road Closure/Buffer redesignation completed.	Total area of road to be closed is 2.1 hectares.
December 2022	Review comments from Ministry of Highways are received. Ministry of Highways requires no compensation and does not object.	Compass Geomatics Ltd. initiated the circulation of the Proposed Road Closure/Buffer Redesignation drawing to Ministry of Highways, a required action under Section 13 of <i>The Cities Act</i> .
April 2024	Proposed subdivision is approved by Planning and Development.	Subdivision No. 30/22.
June 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. 10014 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2024 (No. 3) (Appendix 1) and Bylaw No. 10015 - The Buffer Strip Redesignation Bylaw, 2024 (Appendix 2).

No dead-end situation will be created, and the portion of roadway and buffer strip is no longer required for use by the travelling public. The closures do not eliminate access to any adjacent sites.

Utility agencies have been contacted with respect to the closure. No easement requests were provided.

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

### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Public Notice is required for consideration of this matter, pursuant to Section 3 (subsection b) of Policy C01-021, The Public Notice Policy. The following notice was provided:

- Plan of Road Closure/Buffer Redesignation information shared with nearby residents on April 3, 2024. Residents sent this notice are noted in Appendix 3.
- Public Notice mailed to nearby residents on June 3, 2024. Residents sent this notice are noted in Appendix 3.
- Advertised in The StarPhoenix on June 8, 2024 and June 10, 2024 (Appendix 4).
- Posted on the City Hall Notice Board on June 9, 2024.
- Posted on the City of Saskatoon website on June 9, 2024.

There are no financial, social or environmental implications identified.

### **APPENDICES**

1. Bylaw No. 10014 - The Street Closing Bylaw, 2024 (No. 3)
2. Bylaw No. 10015 - The Buffer Strip Redesignation Bylaw, 2024
3. Map of Nearby Residents
4. Public Notice – Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way and Buffer Redesignation – Portion of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street West

### **Report Approval**

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