Proposed Closure of Public Improvement Parcel – adjacent to Highway 7 – South West Development Area Neighbourhood

**Recommendation**

1. That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9577, The Street Closing Bylaw 2019 (No. 2); and
2. That all costs associated with the closure be paid for by the applicants, including Solicitor’s fees and disbursements.

**Topic and Purpose**

This report requests approval to close a portion of a Public Improvement Parcel adjacent to Highway 7 to be used as a materials handling area for the Roadways, Fleet and Support division.

**Report Highlights**

The City of Saskatoon’s Roadways, Fleet and Support division requests that a portion of a Public Improvement Parcel adjacent to Highway 7 be closed. The size of the area to be closed is 19.97 hectares and would be used as a materials handling area.

**Strategic Goal**

This report supports the Strategic Goal of Environmental Leadership by creating an area for Roadways, Fleet and Support to store material and equipment in a location that minimizes travel time.

**Background**

The City of Saskatoon reached agreement with the Provincial Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure (MHI) on March 1, 2018 to purchase the parcel for $229,738.00. The purchase was approved by City Council on June 25, 2018. The parcel is located south of 11th Street West, west of Highway 7, and east of Range Road 3063.

To continue performing road maintenance on a growing transportation network, additional property is required to manage material such as sand, gravel, and recycled asphalt. Interim material handling operations planned for the site will be used exclusively to support water and sewer, utility and roadway maintenance operations. The ability to store and dry backfill material for water and sewer connection repairs is critical to operating the water distribution network. Additional storage for roadway construction materials such as gravel, street sweeping debris, and recycled asphalt is required for continued service delivery. It will also allow innovative treatments to continue including the infrared patcher which uses recycled asphalt, and the 2018 back lane dust palliation strategy pilot of using recycled asphalt to mitigate back lane dust concerns.
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While the site is located on a main entry point to the city, the site is well-situated from an operational perspective as it has good highway access, is not in close proximity to residential properties, and would serve as a complimentary location to the Central Avenue material handling site. The property is currently classified as a Public Improvement Parcel and was historically used as a material handling site by MHI but has since been decommissioned.

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

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

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<th>Date</th>
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<td>November 2018</td>
<td>City of Saskatoon (Saskatoon Land) indicates a desire to close a portion of the Public Improvement Parcel.</td>
<td>The closed area would be used for material storage for the Roadways, Fleet &amp; Support division.</td>
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<td>February 2019</td>
<td>Transportation receives a plan of proposed closure from Digital Planimetrics Inc.</td>
<td>Size of area to be closed is 19.97 hectares.</td>
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<td>February 2019</td>
<td>Community Services Department provides conditional subdivision approval.</td>
<td>Subdivision No. 2/19.</td>
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<td>MHI indicates no objection and requires no compensation.</td>
<td>Digital Planimetrics Inc. initiated the circulation of the Plan of Proposed Road Closure to MHI, a required action under Section 13 of The Cities Act.</td>
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<td>May 2019</td>
<td>Public Notice, Bylaw, and Council report</td>
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To complete this transaction, the Administration requires that City Council approve Bylaw No. 9577, The Street Closing Bylaw, 2019 (No. 2) (Attachment 1).

No dead end situation will be created as a result of this proposed closure.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement
Utility agencies have been contacted with respect to the closure and have no objections to the closure subject to the following conditions: that SaskPower requires an easement.

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure has confirmed that no further compensation is required to the Crown.

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

Other Considerations/Implications
There are no options, policy, financial, environmental, privacy or CPTED considerations or implications.
Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion
There will be no follow-up report.

Public Notice
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 given:

- Advertised in The StarPhoenix on May 11, 2019 (Attachment 2);
- Posted on the City Hall Notice Board on May 10, 2019; and
- Posted on the City of Saskatoon website on May 10, 2019;

Attachments
1. Bylaw No. 9577, The Street Closing Bylaw, 2019 (No. 2)
2. Copy of Public Notice

Report Approval
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