

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, April 5, 2022

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TITLE: ROAD CLOSURE - PART OF SIMCOE STREET

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To enact a By-law to Stop up and Close the portion of Simcoe Street, located north of Major Mackenzie Drive, as shown on Attachment #1, in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Report Highlights

- Pursuant to the City's Disposal of Property By-law #121-95, on June 19, 2018, Council authorized the sale of various City lands to Metrolinx for the completion of the Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion Project, including the lands subject to this report which form part of an unopened road.
- The notice of Road Closure was advertised for two (2) consecutive weeks on the Disruptions and Closures page of the City's website and the appropriate agencies have been notified of the proposed by-law.

Recommendations

1. That a portion of Simcoe Street located north of Major Mackenzie Drive legally described as Part of Simcoe Street on Plan 72, designated as Part 8 on Reference Plan 65R-39420, being part of PIN 03343-0859 (the "**Lands**"), as shown on Attachment #1, be approved to be stopped up and closed as public highway; and
2. That Council enact a By-law to Stop Up and Close the Lands.

Background

Since 2016, City staff and Metrolinx have been collaborating on the planning, design and construction improvements on the Metrolinx's Regional Express Rail (RER) project within City of Vaughan's geographic jurisdiction. The subject lands will be used to facilitate the expansion of the Rail Corridor to accommodate an additional track as part of Metrolinx's GO Expansion Program.

On June 19, 2018, Council authorized the sale of sixteen fee simple interests and three temporary easements (up to December 31, 2025) for various City-owned parcels of land to Metrolinx for the completion of the Barrie Corridor RER Project.

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Previous Reports/Authority

Item 2, Report No. 24, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 19, 2018.

Item 4, Report No. 59, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 10, 2021.

Analysis and Options

On January 22, 2022, the City entered into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Metrolinx for the disposition of the Lands. The Agreement is conditional on the City stop up and close the Lands prior to the transfer to Metrolinx. Staff recommend that Council enact a By-law to Stop Up and Close the Lands as public highway to allow completion of the sale. With Council's approval of the recommendations in this report, a by-law will be brought forward to a subsequent meeting of Council for adoption.

Financial Impact

None.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

The City entered into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Metrolinx for the disposition of the Lands as part of Metrolinx's Regional Express Rail (RER) project

within City of Vaughan. The Agreement is conditional on the City stopping up and closing the Lands prior to the conveyance to Metrolinx as the Lands. In order to complete the road closure process, Council's approval of the recommendations set out in this report is required.

For more information, please contact Christine Vigneault, Manager of Development Services, extension 8332.

Attachment

1. Location Map of the Lands.

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