

## Committee of the Whole (1) Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021

**WARD(S):** 3

**TITLE:** WOODEND PLACE ROAD CLOSURE

**FROM:**

Jim Harnum, City Manager

**ACTION:** DECISION

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the temporary road closure of Woodend Place from Major Mackenzie Drive to the south limit of the right-of-way to facilitate the construction of municipal services required to service the Countrywide Homes Woodend Place Inc. residential development, 19T-15V011.

### **Report Highlights**

- The temporary road closure of Woodend Place is required to facilitate the construction of municipal services to support the adjacent townhouse development.
- Woodend Place is a local road with no through traffic or transit routes, and it provides access to one existing residential property.
- The Woodend Place road closure is tentatively scheduled between May 24 and October 3, 2021.
- A Comprehensive communication plan will be implemented in collaboration with all stakeholders to notify the public of the upcoming temporary road closure and alternative access.

## **Recommendations**

1. That Council approve the proposed temporary road closure of Woodend Place from Major Mackenzie Drive to the south limit of the right-of-way to facilitate the timely and efficient construction of municipal infrastructure; and
2. That the necessary bylaw be enacted authorizing the temporary road closure of Woodend Place for the period from May 24, 2021 to October 3, 2021.

## **Background**

Woodend Place is a rural road extending south from Major Mackenzie Drive. The roadway provides access from Major Mackenzie Drive to a residence located at the civic address known as 50 Woodend Place. There are no transit routes operating on this road.

The Countrywide Homes Woodend Place Inc. residential development consisting of residential townhouses is proposed on the east side of Woodend Place. To support the proposed development new municipal services will be required to be constructed on Woodend Place and Woodend Place will be reconstructed to an urban road profile.

The work will include removing the existing pavement and excavating soils up to five to six meters below the existing ground elevation to install the necessary municipal services required for the adjacent townhouse development. The underground services will be installed using typical trench box construction methods to reduce the area of disturbance. As part of the urbanization works on Woodend Place, the road grade will be raised by installing additional sub-grade material and reinstating the pavement structure to achieve the required elevation and design.

To safely facilitate the proposed construction work in a timely fashion and considering the extent of works and the depth of the proposed services, Woodend Place will be required to be temporarily closed from Major Mackenzie Drive to the south limit of Woodend Place.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

There are no prior reports.

## **Analysis and Options**

Due to the extent of the proposed construction works, Woodend Place will be required to be temporarily closed and local traffic access from Major Mackenzie Drive will not be possible to maintain during the period of the temporary road closure. There is only one property that requires access from Woodend Place which will be directly affected by the temporary road closure. The owner of the property will be contacted directly, and local access will be maintained at all times during the road closure period.

Prior to the temporary road closure, a temporary road connecting Woodend Place with Via Borghese will be constructed to provide local and emergency access for the local residence at 50 Woodend Place during the temporary road closure as shown on Attachment No. 2.

A communication plan will be in place that requires a written notification of the temporary road closure to be prepared and circulated to the area property owners and project stakeholders, including emergency public service agencies (police, fire, and ambulance) and the Region of York.

Access Vaughan will be provided with information regarding the temporary road closure and associated contact information to effectively respond to enquiries from the general public. The developer's contractor will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of all barricades and construction signage to safely guide vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist traffic around the construction area.

The temporary road closure is tentatively scheduled between May 24, 2021 and October 3, 2021. Appropriate roadside signage will be installed on Major Makenzie Drive a minimum of two weeks prior to the temporary road closure as a means of informing the public of the temporary road closure. The placement of the roadside signage will be in accordance with the Ontario Traffic Manual, Book 7.

### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact to the City as all costs associated with the proposed road closure will be borne by Countrywide Homes Woodend Place Inc.

### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

The proposed road closure and traffic management plan will be coordinated with York Region including any applicable permits by Countrywide Homes Woodend Place Inc.

### **Conclusion**

To facilitate the efficient and timely construction of the municipal services and the urbanization of Woodend Place to support the adjacent townhouse development, it is recommended that a bylaw in support of the temporary road closure of Woodend Place, which is tentatively scheduled for the period between May 24, 2021 and October 3, 2021, inclusive be approved.

A comprehensive communication plan will be implemented to inform all stakeholders of this temporary road closure as is set out in this report. Local access to the existing residence on Wooded Place will be maintained at all times during the closure. In addition, Development Engineering staff will continue to monitor the construction and

staging of the servicing works to ensure the works are completed in an appropriate manner.

**For more information**, please contact: Stanislav Tsysar, Manager, Development Inspection & Grading at ext. 8073.

**Attachments**

1. Key Plan, Schaeffers Consulting Engineers, April 19, 2021
2. Traffic Control Plan, Schaeffers Consulting Engineers, April 16, 2021

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