

Staff Report

Report To: City Council

Report From: Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk

Meeting Date: May 29, 2023

Report Code: CS-23-063

Subject: Stop Up and Close and Declare Land Surplus – 7th Avenue West between 23rd and 24th Streets West

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-063 respecting stopping up and closing and declaring surplus a portion of the unopen road allowance at 7th Avenue West between 23rd and 24th Streets West, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to stop up and close and declare surplus the subject lands as outlined in the report.

Highlights:

- The City's [Disposition of Land By-law](#) governs the sale and disposition of City property.
- The City received a request to sell a portion of the unopen 7th Avenue West road allowance between 23rd and 24th Streets West.
- Other portions of this unopen road allowance have been identified as candidates for disposition.
- The commenting period closes on May 29, 2023.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

This report supports the delivery of Core Service.

Climate and Environmental Implications:

There are no anticipated climate or environmental impacts.

Previous Report/Authority:

[Staff Report CS-23-039](#), Intention to Declare Surplus and Dispose of Municipal Property – Portion of Unopen Road Allowance – 7th Avenue West between 23rd and 24th Streets West

Background:

In accordance with the City's Disposition of Land By-law, in Report CS-23-039 presented to Council on May 8, 2023, City Council directed staff to provide notice to invite public comment on the City's intention to stop up and close, declare surplus, and dispose of three parcels of land described as follows:

- a. An 8 m portion of the unopen portion of the 7th Avenue West unopen road allowance adjacent to 697 24th Street West.
- b. A 12 m portion of the unopen portion of the 7th Avenue West unopen road allowance fronting on 24th Street West; and
- c. A 20 m portion of the unopen portion of the 7th Avenue West unopen road allowance fronting on 23rd Street West (the "subject lands").

Attachment 1 shows the three lots under consideration.

Analysis:

The public notice (Attachment 2) was placed in The Sun Times and posted to the City's website on May 16 with comments being accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2023. To date, no comments have been received. Should comments be received between the date the Council agenda is published and the meeting, they will be circulated to Council and added to the report when it is re-published after the meeting. Staff recommends that a by-law be passed to stop up and close and declare surplus the subject lands.

Financial Implications:

Funds received through a land sale will be placed in the City's Land Sale Reserve.

All costs associated with the disposition of land, including all transfer, legal, survey, and valuation costs, shall be paid by the party acquiring the land unless otherwise directed by Council.

Communication Strategy:

Any future land sales relating to the subject lands will be completed through a report to Council and by-law to authorize the sale.

Consultation:

None.

Attachments:

1. Map illustrating parcels a, b, and c
2. Public notice

Recommended by:

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