

Staff Report

Report To: City Council
Report From: Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Meeting Date: March 25, 2024
Report Code: CR-24-029
Subject: Public Comments on Lane to be Stopped Up, Closed, and Declared Surplus

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-24-029 respecting public comments on the City lane to be stopped up, closed, and declared surplus, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to stop up, close, and declare surplus the lane known as PIN 37052-0273.

Highlights:

- The City's Disposition of Land By-law governs the sale and disposition of City property.
- The owner of 385 12th St W is requesting to purchase a portion of a City lane that runs adjacent to their property.
- Public notice was provided on the City's website, in the Sun Times, and by mail to the neighbours abutting the lane and no comments in opposition were received.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

[Strategic Plan](#) Priority: This report supports the delivery of Core Service.

Climate and Environmental Implications:

There are no anticipated climate or environmental impacts.

Previous Report/Authority:

[Disposition of Land By-law No. 2012-195](#)

Closed Report CR-24-007

[Report CR-24-011](#) – Request to Purchase Portion of City Lane Abutting 385 12th St W

Background:

The City received a request to purchase a portion of the City lane that abuts 385 12th Street West. An aerial photo of the lane is attached to this report. As outlined in Report CR-24-011, staff are in support of Council considering this request as the lane is not used for City infrastructure and has no other City purpose. The City solicitor confirmed that the lane has not been previously closed and has no encumbrances registered on it.

Analysis:

On February 16, 2024 and March 12, 2024, public notice was provided respecting the City's intention to stop up, close, and declare the lane surplus. During the commenting period, two comments were received, both expressing interest in acquiring other parts of the lane. There were no comments in opposition to stopping up, closing, and declaring surplus the lane. Staff recommend bringing forward a by-law to stop up, close, and declare surplus the lane known as PIN 37052-0273.

Financial Implications:

None.

Communication Strategy:

Once the by-law is passed, staff will notify the requester and other interested parties that the lane has been stopped up, closed, and declared surplus.

Consultation:

None.

Attachments:

Aerial Photo of Lane

Recommended by:

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