Agenda – Council – July 18, 2019

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – July 5, 2019

Item No. 5 Proposed Opening of the Southwest Corner of Empress Street and Maroons Road
(St. James Ward)
File DAO 2/2019

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 9, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the proposed street opening as shown on Misc. Plan No. 11971/9 be approved.

2. That the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor be instructed to prepare and bring directly to Council for enactment a by-law to facilitate the street opening in accordance with Misc. Plan No. 11971/9 (attached as Appendix "B").

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – July 5, 2019

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 9, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 5, 2019, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Assiniboia Community Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 2, 2019, the Assiniboia Community Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and forwarded the matter to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Proposed Opening of the Southwest Corner of Empress Street and Maroons Road – File DAO 2/2019

Critical Path: Assiniboia Community Committee – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Planning, Property and Development Department is seeking approval for the opening of the southwest corner of Empress Street and Maroons Road. The opening is required to accommodate roadway improvements at this location.

The Real Estate Branch is in the process of finalizing the terms and conditions for the acquisition of the land with Ontrea Inc., the owner of the subject property.

Council approval is required before the property can be legally opened as public right of way.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the proposed street opening as shown on Misc. Plan No. 11971/9 be approved.

2. That the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor be instructed to prepare and bring directly to Council for enactment a by-law to facilitate the street opening in accordance with Misc. Plan No. 11971/9 (attached as Appendix “B”).

3. That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

All street and lane openings not previously approved by Council must be considered by the Community Committee.

The dedication of this property as a public street requires a by-law pursuant to Section 139 of The City of Winnipeg Charter.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no policy, regulatory, environmental, human resource or general implications associated with the recommendations.

Funding for the preparation and registration of the documents required to dedicate the land as public street has been provided by the Public Works Department. These costs are within the approved current and/or capital budget and are considered to be immaterial in nature.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

On December 12, 2017, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the 2018 Operating and Capital Budget and 2018 Capital Project Detail Budget. The subject opening comprises part of the Regional and Local Street Renewal approval for the Empress Street – St. Matthews to Portage Avenue reconstruction and rehabilitation works.

Discussion

The Planning, Property and Development Department has submitted an application on behalf of the Public Works Department to open the southwest corner of Empress Street and Maroons Road as shown on the attached copy of Misc. Plan No. 11971/9.

The opening is required to accommodate a corner rounding to facilitate roadway improvements at this location. The existing building at this site contains a door and stairs at its northeast corner along with a retaining wall for a loading zone ramp. Neither of these features are encompassed within the corner rounding, and no changes to the building's operations are expected. The private sidewalk to the building's stairs will match the new proposed public sidewalk within the street corner improvements.

Ontrea Inc. is the owner of the subject property. The Real Estate Branch is finalizing the terms and conditions for the acquisition of the land.

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Internal Consultation:

Legal Services (as to legal issues)
Corporate Finance
Public Works
Water and Waste
Transit

External Consultation:

Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas, BellMTS and Shaw Cablesystems

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Section 235 of *The City of Winnipeg Charter* states that *"…public works, undertakings and development in the city must be consistent with Plan Winnipeg or any secondary plan."*

The subject opening does not contravene *OurWinnipeg* or the *Complete Communities Direction Strategy* and generally aligns with their overall vision and key directions.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Planning, Property and Development
Division: Real Estate and Land Development
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Date: June 7, 2019
File No: DAO 2/2019

Attachments:

Appendix "A" – Administrative Approval/Comments

Appendix "B" – Miscellaneous Plan and Aerial View

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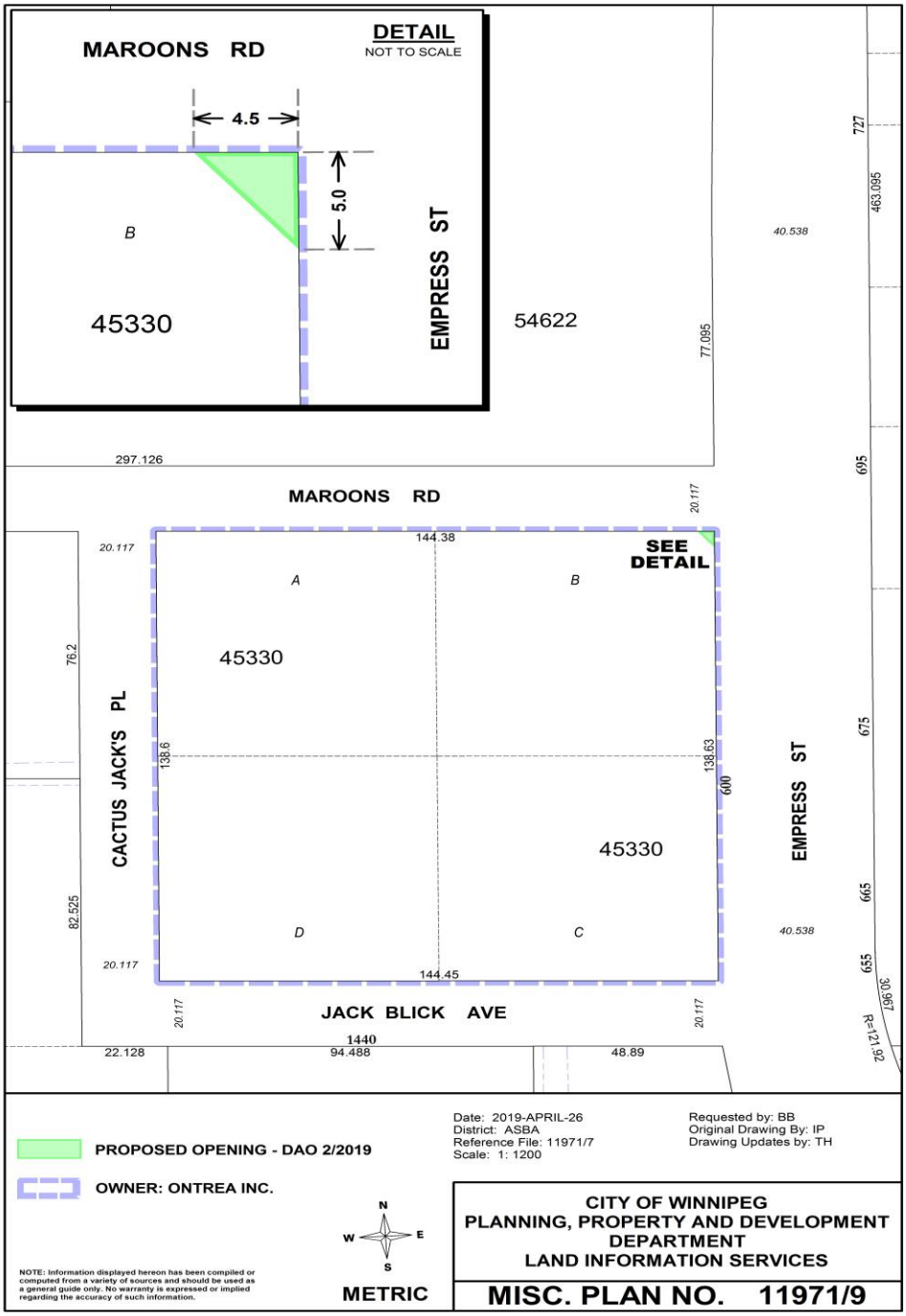
APPENDIX "A"

Administrative Approval

The proposal has been considered by all affected City departments and public utilities. There are no administrative objections or conditions to the street opening.

APPENDIX "B"

Miscellaneous Plan No. 11971/9



Aerial View of Subject Opening

