Minute No. 386
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – April 5, 2022

Item No. 1 **Opening of Queen Elizabeth Way/la Voie Reine Elizabeth and Stradbrook Avenue**
(Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward)
File DAO 2/2021

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 5, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Opening of Queen Elizabeth Way/la Voie Reine Elizabeth and Stradbrook Avenue – DAO 2/2021

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

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On behalf of the Public Works Department, the Planning, Property and Development Department is proceeding with an application to legally open Queen Elizabeth Way/la Voie Reine Elizabeth, and Stradbrook Avenue. This will facilitate the alignment of rights-of-way limits and clarify street designations with completed physical improvements. The project required lands from the Canadian National Railway Company which was approved by Council in 2018 and negotiations were finalized and registrations in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office were completed in 2020. Council approval is required for the legal opening of land as a public right-of-way.

A portion of the City's land located at Stradbrook Avenue and River Avenue contains fencing and a private drive isle serving 112 River Avenue. This property will not be opened as public right-of-way and will instead be offered for sale to the Owner of 112 River Avenue. The Director of Planning, Property and Development has the delegated authority to declare unbuildable land surplus to the City's needs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That subject to Recommendation 2, the proposed street openings shown on Miscellaneous Plan No. 15792/1, attached as Appendix A, 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 openings in accordance with Appendix A.

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

Council's approval and enactment of a by-law pursuant to Section 139 of The City of Winnipeg Charter, is required before land can be legally dedicated as public right-of-way.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

All costs associated with the opening are the responsibility of the Public Works Department, are within the approved current and/or capital budget, and are considered to be immaterial in nature.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

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On July 8, 1993, City Council adopted the Recommended Plan for replacement of the Main/Norwood Bridges and approach roads in accordance with "Plan Winnipeg …toward 2010" to improve the relative competitiveness of transit versus the automobile, while at the same time providing upgraded facilities for cyclists and pedestrians, as identified in the report of the Committee on Works and Operations dated May 25, 1993 (the "Project").

On October 20, 1993, Council adopted the recommendations of the Committee on Finance and Administration, approving funding for the related costs for the Project, including acquisition of privately owned land necessary for the Project.

On April 26, 2018, Council adopted the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development approving a land exchange between the City and the Canadian National Railway Company for last remaining lands required for the Project. The negotiations were finalized and registrations in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office were completed in 2020.

The reconstructed roads and bridges were fully open and functional in December 1998.

Main Street South was opened by Plan No. 334 registered May 31, 1883 in the Selkirk Land Titles Office, and by additional plans, all registered in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office pursuant to a variety of By-laws approved by City Council, namely, Plan No. 3360 registered December 4, 1929, pursuant to By-Law No. 13602 approved October 28, 1929, Plan 3496 registered March 6, 1931 pursuant to By-Law No. 14075 approved February 2, 1931, Plan 3564 registered January 2, 1932 pursuant to By-Law No. 14271 approved December 22, 1931, Plan 7869 registered 1962 pursuant to By-Law No. 148 approved March 22, 1962, and Plan 30733 registered February 25, 1994 pursuant to By-Law No. 6244/1993 approved February 21, 1994. On September 25, 2002, Council approved By-Law No. 8136/2002 renaming Main Street South to Queen Elizabeth Way/la Voie Reine Elizabeth.

Parcel A and the portion of Parcel B Plan 30733 to be opened as Stradbrook Avenue, is presently improved with a vehicular turn out to River Avenue in addition to a public sidewalk, street lighting, and landscaping with mature trees.

The Ward Councillor was notified as to the intentions of the Public Service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement Date: February 15, 2022

Project Name:

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COMMENTS:

There are no material financial implications associated witht the recommendations contained in this report.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Fire Paramedic Services
Legal Services Department (as to legal issues)
Winnipeg Police Service
Public Works Department
Transit Department
Water and Waste Department

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The proposed openings align with objectives of OurWinnipeg Policy 2045 (subject to a third reading) to prioritize an integrated and sustainable transportation system providing safe, efficient and effective movement of people, goods and services; managing traffic congestion; stimulating affordable mobility choice; protecting environment, and championing targets for net zero carbon emissions to improve air quality. It ensures that land use, transportation, and infrastructure planning are aligned to provide the conditions for compact, complete and connected communities.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Winnipeg Climate Action Plan includes seven strategic opportunities and supporting key directions for City's vision and targets to reduce energy and greenhouse gas emission. The proposed openings align with Strategic Opportunity No. 3: Advancing Sustainable Transportation, and Key Directions Nos. 3.4 and 3.5 as follows:

3.4 Increase Active Transportation Rates; and
3.5 Reduce Traffic Congestion.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

N/A

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Planning, Property and Development Department
Division: Real Estate and Land Development
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Date: February 24, 2022
File No: DAO 2/2021

Attachments:

APPENDIX A - Miscellaneous Plan 15792/1 showing the proposed openings

APPENDIX A– MISC. PLAN 15792/1 – AERIAL VIEW OF PROPOSED OPENINGS

