Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – June 17, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 11 Proposed Opening of Parcel A Plan 50779 WLTO, as Waterfront Drive, Adjacent to 120 Higgins Avenue [Disraeli Bridges Renewal Project]
File No. DAO 2/2024

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That, subject to Recommendation 2, the proposed street opening shown on Miscellaneous Plan No. 11536/4 (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 opening 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.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Duncan,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Proposed opening of Parcel A Plan 50779 WLTO, as Waterfront Drive, adjacent to 120 Higgins Avenue [Disraeli Bridges Renewal Project] – File No. DAO 2/2024

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee - Council

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
G. Chappell (Acting)	H. Borys	T. Graham	S. Armbruster, Interim CAO

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service has applied to open Parcel A Plan 50779 WLTO (as shown in Appendices A and B) as Waterfront Drive. The City bought the land in 2010 as part of the Disraeli Bridges Renewal Project.

Opening the street will connect nearby property to Waterfront Drive. The street opening ensures the ability to maintain the northbound travel lane while adding cycling and walking facilities. The Public Service recommends approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That, subject to Recommendation 2, the proposed street opening shown on Miscellaneous Plan No. 11536/4 (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 opening 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

Dedication of land as a public street requires a by-law pursuant to Section 139 of The City of Winnipeg Charter.

Council approval is required before land can be legally opened as public street.

The application has been submitted to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Section 4(20) of the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

All costs associated with the street opening are the responsibility of the Public Works Department.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The Public Service intends to open Parcel A Plan 50779 WLTO (as shown in Appendices A and B) as Waterfront Drive.

The opening ensures the existing approach to 120 Higgins Avenue abuts Waterfront Drive and ensures the ability to maintain the northbound travel lane while adding cycling and walking facilities.

On December 18, 2007, Council approved funding in the 2008 Capital Budget and 2009 to 2013 Five Year Forecast for the Disraeli Bridges Rehabilitation Project (the “Project”).

On September 24, 2008, Council approved the conceptual design for the Project and authorized the Director of Planning, Property and Development to negotiate the acquisition of land required for the Project.

On April 28, 2010, in order to meet the 2010 construction schedule, Council instructed the Public Service to initiate expropriation proceedings to acquire the land interests for the Project.

Pursuant to By-Law 70/2010, passed by Council on June 23, 2010, the City expropriated Parcel A Plan 50779 WLTO. On December 21, 2010, the City obtained title to the land.

Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas, BellMTS, Bell Canada, Shaw Cablesystems/Rogers Communications, Canadian National Railway and Telus Communications have all indicated that they have no concerns or objections.

Fibre.Ca Inc., Crown Pipeline Ltd., the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, TC Energy, Imperial Oil/Exxon Mobil, and Teraspan Networks did not respond to the request for comment on this application.

The Public Service has no concerns with the proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement Date: April 9, 2025

Project Name:

Proposed opening of Parcel A Plan 50779 WLTO, as Waterfront Drive, adjacent to 120 Higgins Avenue [Disraeli Bridges Renewal Project] – File No. DAO 2/2024

COMMENTS:

As the costs related to this proposed opening are immaterial, for the purposes of this analysis, there are no financial implications associated with this report.

Beth Anema on behalf of Mike McGinn on April 9, 2025

Mike McGinn, CPA, CA
Manager of Finance

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services Department (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The proposed opening aligns with the policies set out in OurWinnipeg 2045:

Goal: City Building

Objective 2: Integrate resilient land use, transportation, and infrastructure planning and investments
Ensure that land use, transportation, and infrastructure planning are aligned to provide the conditions for compact, complete, and connected communities, supported by sustainable transportation options and municipal infrastructure capacity.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

The proposed opening aligns with the following strategic objective and key directions of the City's Climate Action Plan:

Strategic Opportunity #3 – Advancing Sustainable Transportation
Key Directions:
3.1 Increase the use and efficiency of public transit systems

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

The proposed opening aligns with the following poverty reduction goal and objective:

Goal 5: Transportation System Equity is Enhanced

Low-income residents rely on public transportation to get to services and employment, or out of crisis situations.

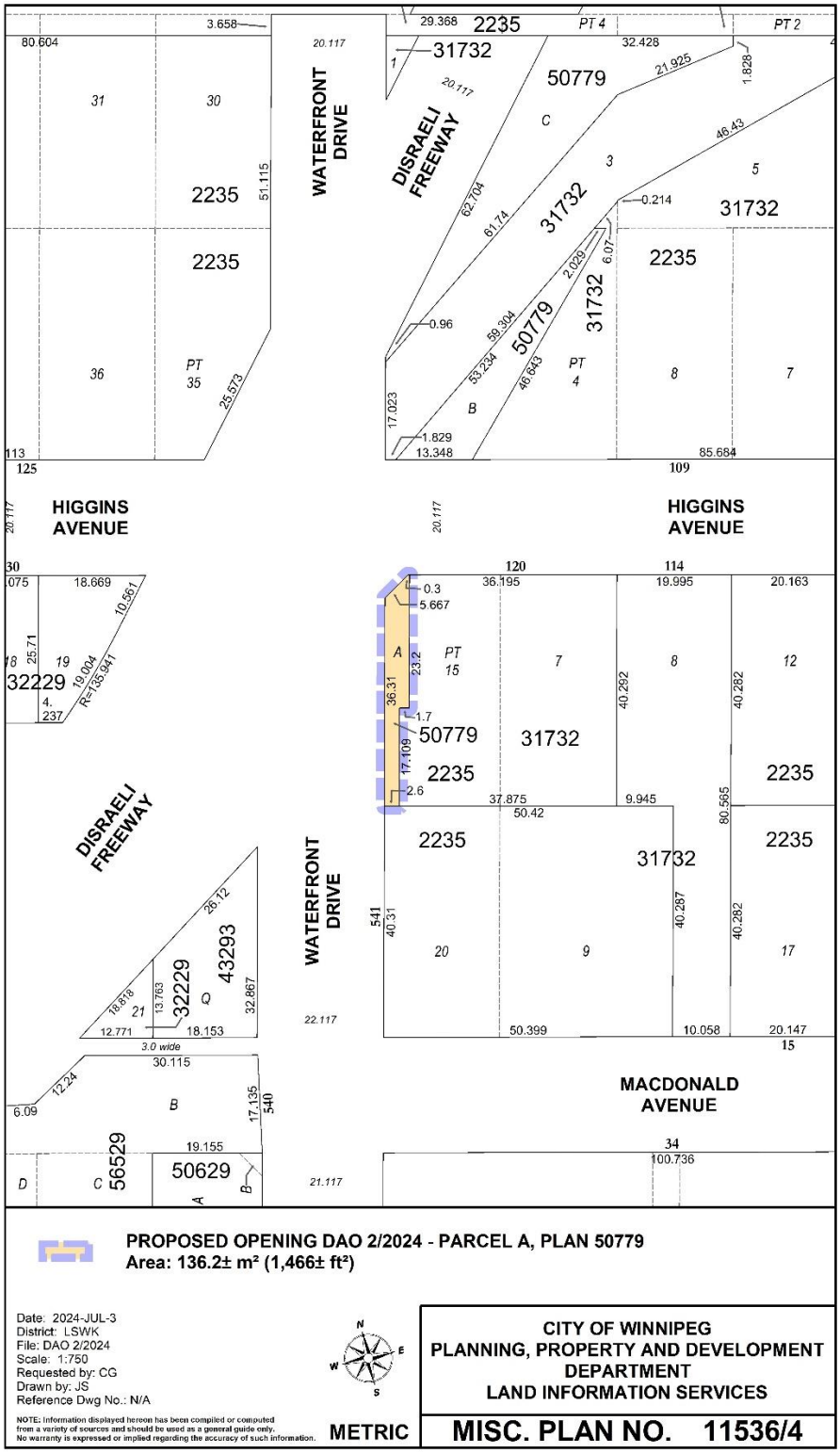
A strengthened public transportation system will serve the needs of all residents, help reach climate goals, and assist low-income riders.

SUBMITTED BY

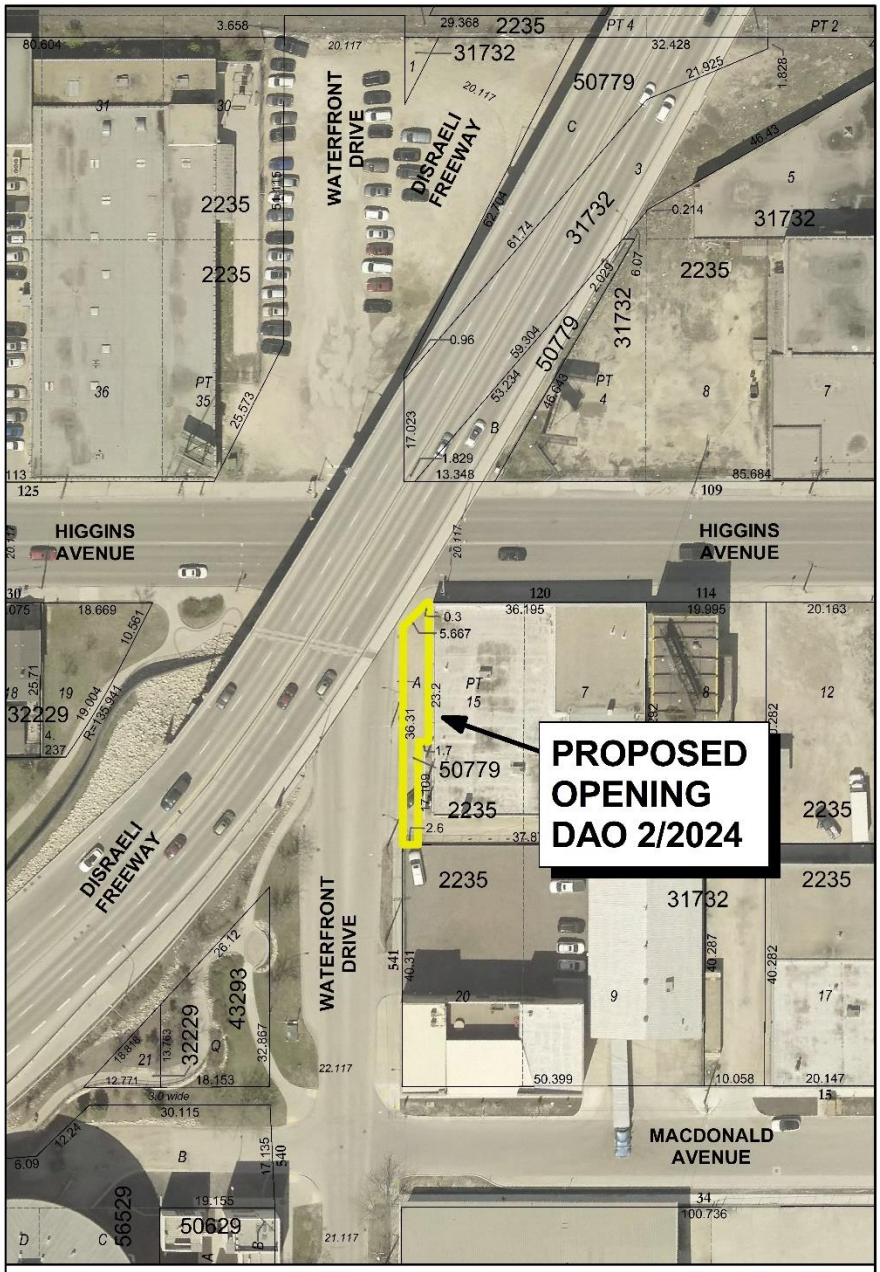
Department: Planning, Property and Development Department
Division: Real Estate and Land Development
Prepared by: Justin Pelletier
Date: April 15, 2025
File No.: DAO 2/2024

Attachments:
Appendix A: Miscellaneous Plan 11536/4
Appendix B: Aerial diagram of proposed opening

APPENDIX A – MISCELLANEOUS PLAN 11536/4



APPENDIX B - AERIAL DIAGRAM OF PROPOSED OPENING



PROPOSED OPENING DAO 2/2024 - PARCEL A, PLAN 50779
Area: 136.2± m² (1,466± ft²)

Date: 2024-NOV-8
District: LSWK
File: DAO 2/2024
Scale: 1:750
Requested by: JP
Drawn by: JS
Reference Dwg No.: N/A

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