Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 19, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 12 **Proposed Opening on the West Side of Kenaston Boulevard, Adjacent to the Canadian National Railway Company's Tracks and South of Taylor Avenue**
(River Heights-Fort Garry Ward)
File DAO 3/2023

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. 15949 (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 Miscellaneous Plan No. 15949.

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 on the west side of Kenaston Boulevard, adjacent to the Canadian National Railway Company's tracks and south of Taylor Avenue – File DAO 3/2023

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service is proceeding with an application to legally open the west side of Kenaston Boulevard, adjacent to the Canadian National Railway tracks and south of Taylor Avenue. The proposed street opening is shown on Misc. Plan No. 15949 and the aerial diagram attached to this report (see Appendices A and B). The proposed street opening will result in alignment with the existing street limits.

The Public Service recommends approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That subject to Recommendation 2, the proposed street opening shown on Miscellaneous Plan No. 15949 (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 Miscellaneous Plan No. 15949.

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 approval is required before land can be legally opened as public right-of-way.

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.

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

Legally opening the street is required to limit City liability and allow public use of the land for vehicular and pedestrian traffic as well as utility improvements.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

All costs associated with the proposed street opening are the responsibility of the Public Works Department, which include the application fee and survey work. Costs are considered to be immaterial in nature and within existing budget.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The Public Service is proceeding with an application to legally open the west side of Kenaston Boulevard, immediately south of and adjacent to the Canadian National Railway tracks and south of Taylor Avenue shown illustrated and identified as "Kenaston Boulevard Proposed Opening Area: 1,934.3+ m^2 (20,821+ ft^2)" on Misc. Plan 15949 (Appendix A) and Aerial Diagram (Appendix B). The construction of the street and related improvements was completed years ago. Lighting and an active transportation path forms part of the extensive linear pedestrian path/sidewalk system flanking Kenaston Boulevard. The proposed street opening, if approved, will result in a uniform alignment with the existing street limits.

At its meeting on December 16, 2003, Council approved the Kenaston Grade Separation Project (the Project) and Kenaston Boulevard to Taylor Avenue street improvements as part of the 2003-2004 Capital Budget.

On December 15, 2004, Council passed By-law No. 182/2004 to acquire the necessary land required for the Project. The land acquired by the City for the Project was for the purpose of a public street and some additional land, considered advantageous to the Project. At the time the additional land was acquired, the extent required for the purpose of a public street was unknown.

Plan 43883 registered in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office on May 10, 2005, was prepared to facilitate the passing of By-law No. 182/2004. The additional land was acquired by the City as Parcel A and B Plan 43883, of which, a portion of Parcel B is proposed to be opened with this report.

Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas, BellMTS, Bell Canada, Shaw Cablesystems/Rogers Communications, TC Energy, Imperial Oil/Exxon Mobil, and Canadian National Railway, have all indicated that they have no concerns or objections. Fibre.Ca Inc., Crown Pipeline Ltd., Telus Communications, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, 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: March 9, 2026

Project Name:

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COMMENTS:

There are no material financial implications associated with this report.

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Manager of Finance

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services Department (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The physical street improvements occurred a number of years ago. The proposed street opening aligns with the following goal and objective of 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 street opening aligns with the following strategic opportunity and key directions of the City's Climate Action Plan:

Strategic Opportunity #3: Advancing Sustainable Transportation – Increasing Mobility Options and Shift to Zero Emission Vehicles
This Opportunity emphasizes the need to increase travel options providing greater access and options for walking, cycling and connectivity to public transit systems.

Key Directions:

3.1 Improve active transportation connectivity to transit services by installing sidewalks and cycling routes to link stops with surrounding community.

3.4 Prioritize capital investments in active transportation to establish connected and integrated corridors for walking and cycling.

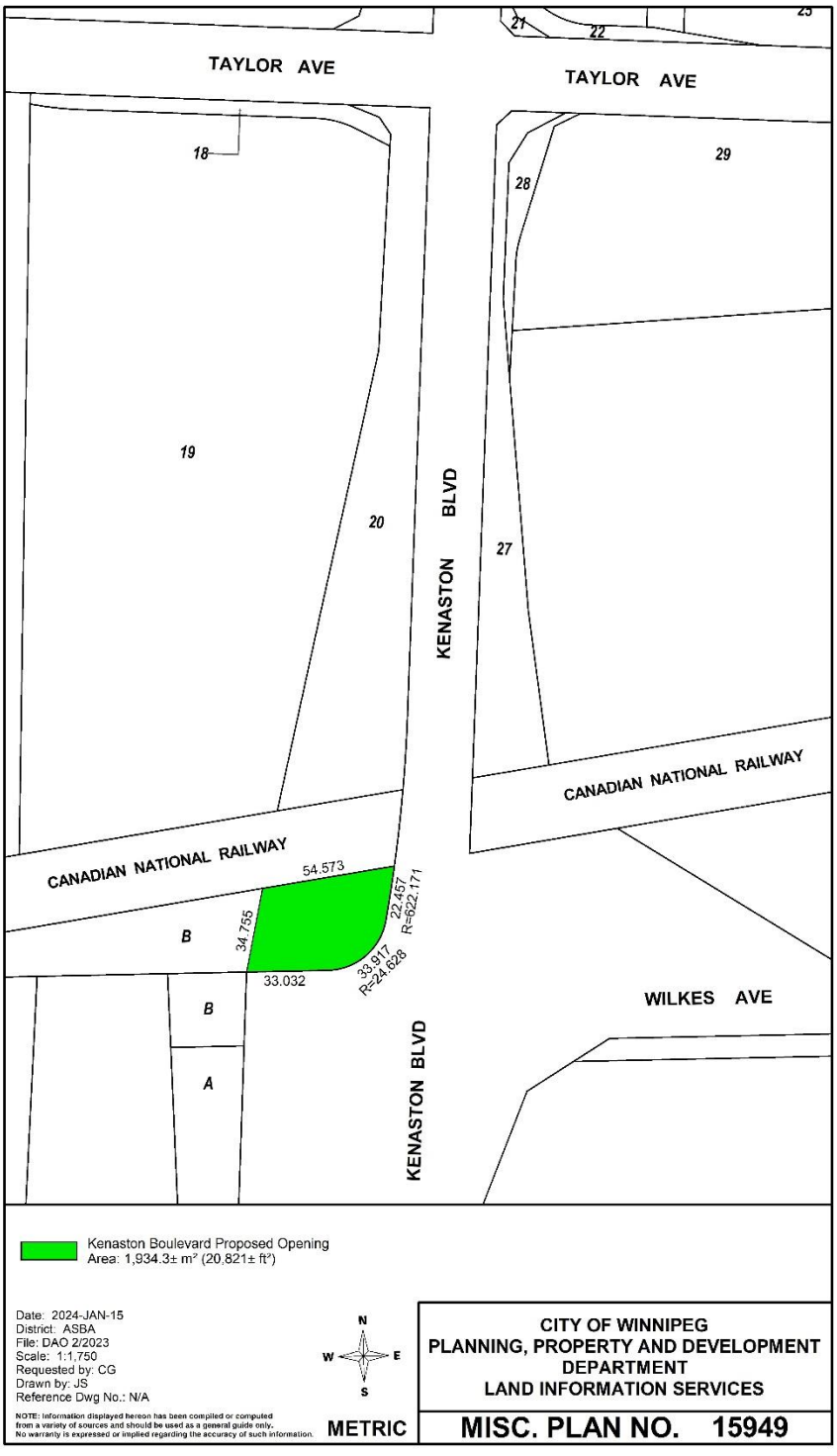
WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Goal 5: Transportation System Equity is Enhanced
Objective B: The proposed street opening aligns with the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy by increased interconnectivity to employment and affordable goods and services through increased access to public transportation services.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Planning, Property and Development Department
Division: Real Estate and Land Development
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Date: April 17, 2026
File No.: DAO 3/2023
Attachments:
Appendix A: Miscellaneous Plan 15949
Appendix B: Aerial View of Proposed Opening

APPENDIX A – MISCELLANEOUS PLAN 15949



APPENDIX B - AERIAL VIEW OF PROPOSED OPENING

