Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 19, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 13 Proposed Opening of Kenaston Boulevard between Abinojii Mikanah and Scurfield Boulevard (Waverley West Ward) File DAO 4/2023

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. 15948 (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. 15948.

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 Kenaston Boulevard between Abinojii Mikanah and Scurfield Boulevard – File DAO 4/2023

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service is proceeding with an application to legally open a strip of City-owned land as Kenaston Boulevard. The proposed street opening is between Scurfield Boulevard and Abinojii Mikanah and is shown on Misc. Plan No. 15948 and the aerial diagram attached to this report (see Appendices A and B). The proposed street opening will result in a uniform and continuous 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. 15948 (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. 15948.

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 a strip of City-owned land between Abinojii Mikanah and Scurfield Boulevard as Kenaston Boulevard. The proposed street opening is shown as "Kenaston Boulevard Proposed Opening Area: 1,985.6 $\pm$ m^2 (21,373$\pm$ ft^2)" on attached Miscellaneous Plan No. 15948 (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 and continuous alignment with the existing street limits.

At its meeting of September 24, 1997, Council approved the construction of the Bishop Grandin Boulevard/Kenaston Boulevard connection included in the 1997-2002 five-year capital forecast. The physical road construction works including a rail crossing for the Canadian Pacific Railway Sugar Beet spur line (the "spur line"), were completed in 1998, and on January 27, 1999, Council approved the legal opening to align property limits with the physical roadway.

Council passed opening By-law 7507/1999 on October 20, 1999, and on May 7, 2000, Plan No. 38162 was registered in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office. This plan legally opened portions of Bishop Grandin and Kenaston Boulevard in accordance with the Council decision of January 27, 1999, however, the spur line remained and intersected through Kenaston Boulevard.

On July 6, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works instructed the Planning, Property and Development Department to pursue the immediate acquisition of the spur line. The acquisition was considered vital to protect the City's investment in the roadway. At its meeting of June 23, 2010, Council approved the purchase. Title to the land was issued to the City in 2010. The spur line intersecting Kenaston Boulevard is proposed to be opened with this report.

On April 25, 2024, Council passed By-law No. 59/2024, renaming Bishop Grandin Boulevard to Abinojii Mikanah.

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

Proposed opening of Kenaston Boulevard between Abinojii Mikanah and Scurfield Boulevard

COMMENTS:

There are no material financial implications associated with this report.

Mike McGinn Mar. 9, 2026
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 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.

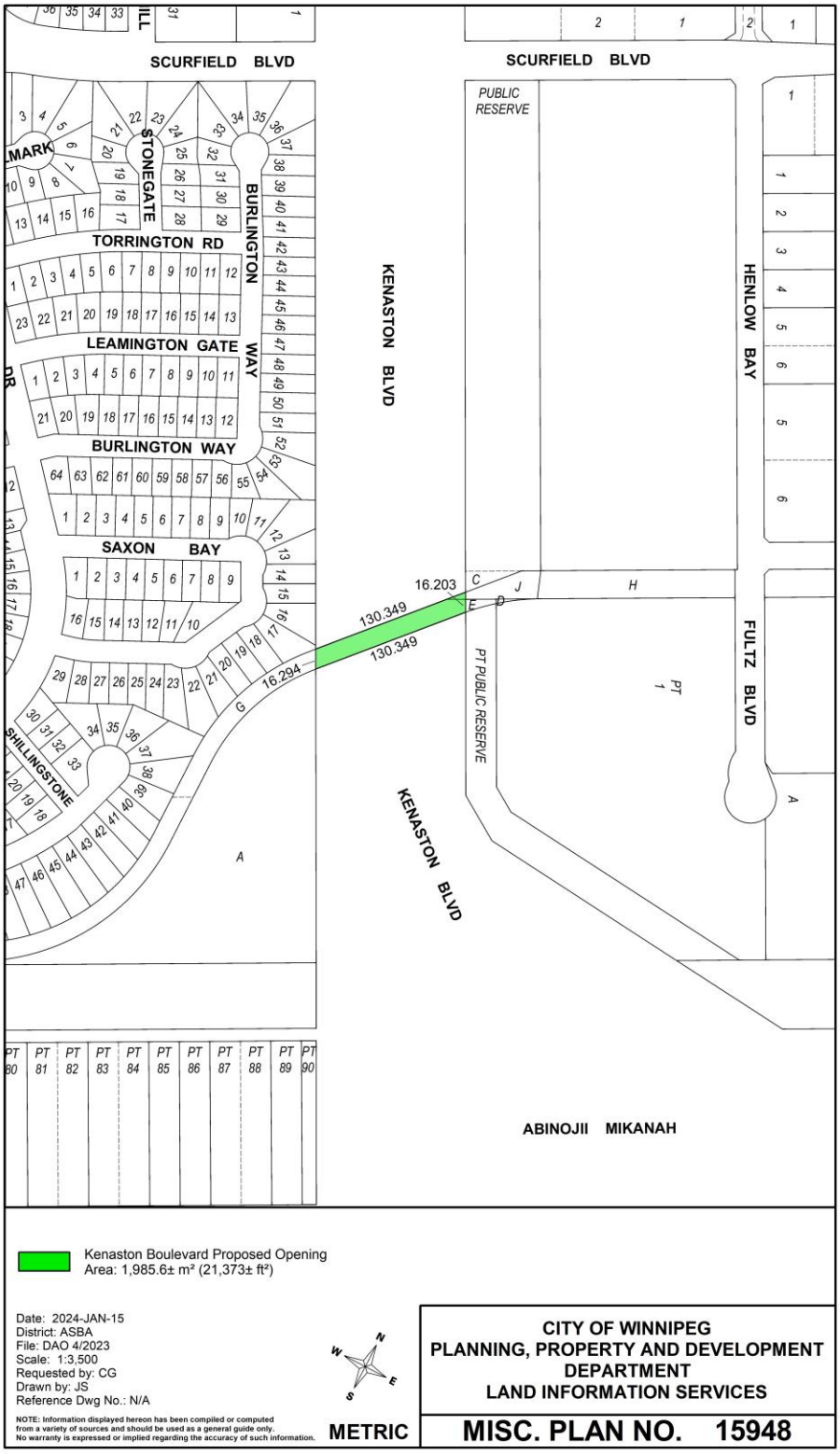
WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

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 4/2023
Attachments:
Appendix A: Miscellaneous Plan 15948
Appendix B: Aerial View of Proposed Opening

APPENDIX A – MISCELLANEOUS PLAN 15948



APPENDIX B – AERIAL VIEW OF PROPOSED OPENING

