

Attachment I – Council Motions Referred to the Triannual Accountability Report

The following motions were passed in the first period of the year and forwarded to the triannual report for staff to report back. Staff responses to these motions are below.

Protection of the Ivy Place Greenway in Perpetuity as a Natural Area

On March 10, 2022 Council directed the following:

That Council:

1. *Endorses in principle the protection of a portion or all of the Ivy Place greenway in perpetuity as a biologically diverse natural area.*
2. *Directs staff to report back at the next triannual update on the advisability of providing permanent protection to a portion or all of the greenway through a road closure bylaw.*

Staff Response

The Ivy Place road allowance runs between Ryan Street and Hamilton Road and consists of three discrete sections. The western section consists of paved road and provides access and site servicing to a number of single family lots. The central section is characterized by a stretch of natural landscape with exposed bedrock, a steep 5-6 m elevation change, established gary oak landscape and other vegetation and an informal pedestrian connection. The eastern section is also paved providing access to further single family lots.

There are three broad considerations regarding the implementation of a road closure which together would indicate that maintaining the current condition could be considered to be acceptable:

1. The likelihood and transportation value of establishing a future road connection
 2. The role of the Ivy Place road allowance in providing current and future access and servicing to adjacent lots
 3. Future designation of the closed section of Ivy Place
1. The future connection of Ivy Place between Ryan Street and Hamilton Road is not envisioned by staff due primarily to the very high engineering costs to achieve this (rock blasting, extensive fill and road regrading, retaining walls, lot driveways regrading etc), environmental impact and the very limited road network and connectivity benefits that would be achieved.
 2. Ivy Place currently provides access and site servicing to several adjacent lots and there is potential that future access and servicing for additional lots may be required. The exact extents of any closure will require further detailed assessment by staff to ensure development opportunities remain available on adjacent properties including subdivision or consolidation of lots plus servicing and availability of access, particularly as this relates to the larger lots located between Hillside Avenue and Ivy Place. Any future land development applications and associated site access would be subject to staff review and Council approval.

3. Any future consideration of a more formal walking connection along Ivy Place could still be advanced with a road closure bylaw in place and staff would envision the connection remaining as a greenway.

Council may wish to direct staff to undertake a detailed analysis of the land use considerations, options, and implications, and report back to Council with recommendations and next steps to permanently close a portion of Ivy Place as highlighted below in Figure 1. Any contemplated permanent road closure would require a bylaw, which can only be adopted following public notice and an opportunity for interested persons to make representations to council.

The closure of Ivy Place does not form part of any current staff work plans so should Council direct staff to advance the closure and avoid impacting other existing priorities, it would be advanced as and when resources in E&PW, SP&CD, PR&F and Legal Services allowed.

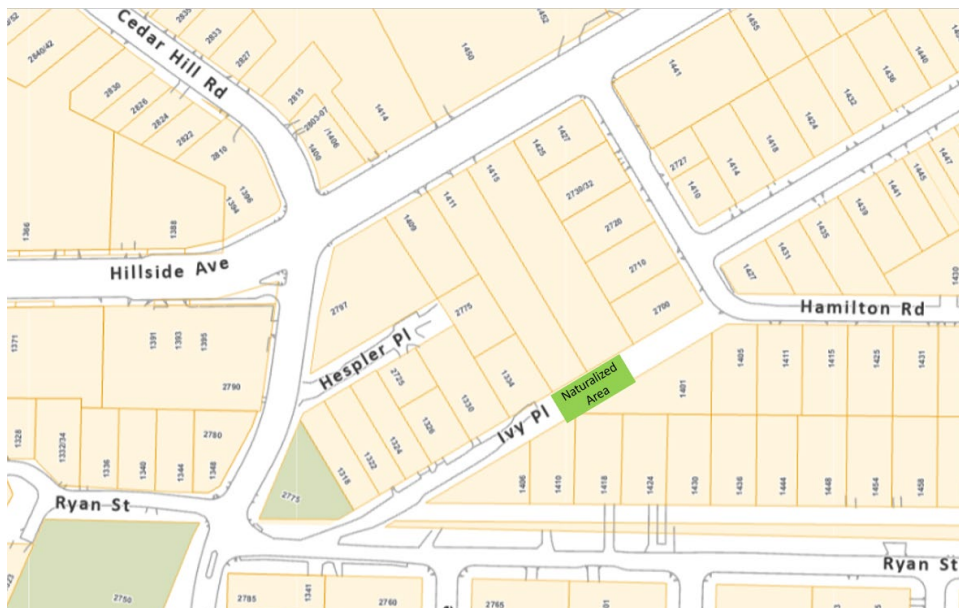


Figure 1: Area Map surrounding Ivy Place

Brook Street Park Pilot Project

On March 17, 2022, Council passed the following motion:

That Council direct staff to report back at the next Triannual Update on the implications and advisability of amending the Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 11-044 to proceed with a Pilot Project allowing leash-optional use of Brooke Street Park from 6:00 am - 10:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm daily, with seasonal variations if necessary to accommodate other park users.

Staff Response

On April 21, 2022, Council passed the following motion:

That Council direct staff to include all the dogs in parks motions, including the motion for Brooke Street Park, Royal Athletic Park, and the eastern part of Harris Green at Chambers and Pandora in the Dogs in Parks strategic discussion scheduled for 2023.

Staff will follow up accordingly with Council's April 21, 2022 resolution.