



Council Report

For the Meeting of November 26, 2015

To: Council **Date:** November 19, 2015
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Clawthorpe Avenue – Road Closure Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Considers giving three readings to Road Closure (Unconstructed Portion of Clawthorpe Avenue) Bylaw No. 15-085; and
2. Convenes a hearing for Road Closure (Unconstructed Portion of Clawthorpe Avenue) Bylaw No. 15-085 prior to Council's consideration to adopt it.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council in respect of Road Closure (Unconstructed Portion of Clawthorpe Avenue) Bylaw No. 15-085 attached to this report.

On August 27, 2015, Council instructed staff to "draft a bylaw closing the part of Clawthorpe Avenue that is already integrated into Clawthorpe Park and removing its highway dedication for Council's consideration of three readings and adoption". The part of Clawthorpe Avenue to be closed has an area of approximately 1,080 m² as shown on Plan EPP55794.

The need to close the road and formally incorporate it into Clawthorpe Park came to light as a result of the improvements to the park that were carried out earlier this year. At that time, it was discovered that the park comprised part of Clawthorpe Avenue plus six residential lots owned by the City, all of which were fully integrated green space.

Once the section of road has been closed, and its highway dedication removed, it will immediately be dedicated as park along with the six residential lots. The park dedication is achieved by depositing a reference plan of the whole area at the Land Title Office.

Alignment With City Objectives

2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan

The Clawthorpe Park playground improvements were in keeping with Objective 8 – Enhance and Steward Public Spaces, Green Spaces and Food Systems – of the Strategic Plan. The City is fulfilling its stewardship responsibilities by resolving the legal status of the lands comprising Clawthorpe Park.

Impacts to 2015 – 2018 Financial Plan

The course of action recommended will incur costs of approximately \$200 in land registration fees. There is no impact on the Financial Plan as these costs can be paid from the existing Legal budget.

Official Community Plan Consistency Statement

Section 9.1 of the Official Community Plan commits the City to maintain and enhance the existing network of parks and open spaces through the development of a Parks Master Plan.

CONCLUSION

The proposal is required in order to regularize the legal status of the lands comprising Clawthorpe Park, as previously directed by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



Neil Turner
Property Manager




Chris Coates
City Clerk



Jocelyn Jenkyns
Deputy City Manager

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date:


November 20, 2015

Attachment:

Bylaw No. 15-085

ADOPTED on the

day of

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CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR

MAYOR

SCHEDULE A

