

## Bylaw 18437

Closure of a portion of road at Lot 2A, Block 2C, Plan 7820514, Spruce Avenue

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### Purpose

To close a portion of road located within park space, Spruce Avenue.

### Readings

Bylaw 18437 is ready for three readings after the public hearing has been held. If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, Council must unanimously agree "That Bylaw 18437 be considered for third reading."

### Advertising and Signing

This Bylaw has been advertised in the Edmonton Journal on June 22, 2018, and June 30, 2018. The Bylaw can be passed following third reading.

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### Report

The subject area is located west of 102 Street NW. It bisects the Spruce Avenue Park site and is flanked by St. Basil and Spruce Avenue schools. The roadway was previously closed and consolidated with adjacent property, in 1977. A portion of its west edge was decommissioned and converted to park space, eliminating the connection between 115 Avenue NW and 103 Street NW. The remainder of the roadway structure, however, was never removed. Although no longer considered legal road right-of-way, it continued functioning like an extension of 115 Avenue NW.

Once formally closed and physically removed, this land will be reclaimed as park space and will contain a pathway. The schools will retain their existing street frontage along 102 Street NW. Waste bin locations and access points that the road currently provides to flanking development will be relocated.

There is no statutory plan in place for the Spruce Avenue neighbourhood. However, this entire portion of land was identified as park space a number of years ago. It is designated for reclamation in both the Spruce Avenue Park Master Plan and the Spruce Avenue Neighbourhood Renewal program, and will contribute an additional 3,470 square metres of land to Spruce Avenue Park. Restoration from road to park uses is anticipated to coincide with Neighbourhood Renewal work, which is underway in the community.

Comments from civic departments and utility agencies have been addressed. Edmonton Public Schools expressed no concerns regarding this proposal. Edmonton Catholic

Schools supports this project, however they expressed a preference for the subject area to be recognized as legal road right-of-way.

### **Policy**

- *The Way We Grow*, Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan

### **Corporate Outcomes**

*The Way Ahead*, Edmonton's Strategic Plan, is supported through the following Corporate Outcome and Strategic Goals:

- Edmonton is attractive and compact - This Bylaw transforms Edmonton's urban form, improves the city's livability, and preserves and sustains the environment. Closure of the subject area enables the full assembly of the Spruce Avenue Park site. This land's reclamation enhances the physical environment and provides a safe pedestrian experience.

### **Public Consultation**

On July 24, 2017, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development sent an advance notice to surrounding property owners and the Spruce Avenue Community League. One property owner requested an additional hard copy of the notification, which was provided. No further questions or comments were received.

### **Attachments**

1. Bylaw 18437
2. Aerial Map
3. Context Map