

Bylaw 18246

Closure of a portion of road right-of-way along 124 Street NW, between 124 Avenue NW and 123 Avenue NW, Prince Charles

Recommendation:

That Urban Planning Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 18246 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To permanently close a portion of 124 Street, between 124 Avenue NW and 123 Avenue NW, to vehicular traffic, according to the approved recommendations from the Prince Charles Community Traffic Management Pilot Project.

Readings

Bylaw 18246 is ready for three readings.

This Bylaw is authorized under Section 22 of the *Municipal Government Act*. A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 18246 be considered for third reading.”

Advertising and Signing

This Bylaw was advertised in the Edmonton Journal on Friday, March 16, 2018, and Saturday, March 24, 2018. Bylaw 18246 can be signed and thereby passed following third reading.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This report requests City Council’s approval of Bylaw 18246.

Report

In July 2015, a trial traffic management plan was installed in the Prince Charles neighbourhood to address issues of traffic shortcutting and speeding. Part of the trial included closing a portion of road right-of-way along 124 Street NW, between 124 Avenue NW and 123 Avenue NW, to remove the shortcut route between 118 Avenue and Yellowhead Trail. The trial was evaluated over the course of one year.

On April 11, 2017, members from the Prince Charles Community Traffic Management Plan Pilot Project presented Council with the results of the trial, including the road closure. For collector roadways similar to 124 Street, traffic volumes are typically lower than 5,000 vehicles per day. At Prince Charles Park, which is in the “middle” of the corridor, data showed the traffic past the park was reduced from 6,800 vehicles per day to 2,100 vehicles per day during the trial. Recognizing the traffic plan had addressed community concerns with traffic shortcutting and was generally supported by neighbourhood residents, City Council approved the report’s recommendation to make the closure permanent.

This Bylaw (Attachment 1) is the next required step to make the road closure permanent.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome: Edmonton is a safe city			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
The City of Edmonton promotes safety and security for all Edmontonians	Traffic count	6,800 vehicles per day (2015 data before pilot)	5,000 vehicles or less per day(ongoing)

Risk Assessment

Risk Element	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Score (with current mitigations)	Current Mitigations	Potential Future Mitigations

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Public Perception	Stakeholders who have expressed concerns/objections to the closure may feel they have not been heard	2 - Unlikely	1 - Minor	2 - Low	Interested parties can register to speak in support of/or against an item on a committee agenda	
Public Liability	Impacts to Fire Rescue Services' response time to the Prince Charles neighbourhood	1 - Rare	4 - Severe	4 - Low	Neighbourhood Renewal design plans incorporate a secondary emergency access, designed in consultation with Fire Rescue Services	Ongoing communication with Fire Rescue Services and information sharing with citizens through the Neighbourhood Renewal Process. Consideration of access challenges during concept planning of the 127 Street and 121 Street interchanges at Yellowhead Trail.
Financial	Concept Planning for the 121 Street and 127 Street interchanges (Yellowhead Trail Strategic Plan) may identify changes to the access of the Prince Charles neighbourhood	4 - Likely	1 - Minor	4 - Low	Alignment of Community Traffic Management planning with concept planning for Yellowhead Trail.	

Public Engagement

Public engagement on the level of comfort with, and the perceived effectiveness of, the 124 Street road closure was undertaken over the course of the Community Traffic Management Plan Pilot Project:

- April 23, 2015: Pre-Trial Information Session
- December 2-7, 2015: Prince Charles Resident Telephone Survey
- January 19, 2016: Mid-trial Open House
- January 25-February 5, 2016: Prince Charles Business Survey

- November 29, 2016: Final Open House

Legal Implications

- The proposed road closure must be carried out in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*.
- Section 22 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that City Council may close a road by passing a bylaw.
- Section 23 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that any person who occupies, owns or has an interest in land that sustains damages through the closing of a road by bylaw must be compensated for the damages. Any unresolved claims are to be determined by the Land Compensation Board.

Justification of Recommendation:

Approving the Bylaw supports the City's aim to build safe and healthy communities. It also supports Vision Zero.

Attachment

1. Bylaw 18246

Others Reviewing this Report

- T. Burge, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- A. Laughlin, Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- L. McCarthy, Deputy City Manager, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development