

## **BYLAW 20057**

### **To close a portion of road, Killarney**

#### **Purpose**

To close to vehicular traffic a portion of the 129B Avenue NW intersection with 91 Street NW (roadway between the Mee-Yah-Noh School Park site and the triangular traffic island to the east).

#### **Readings**

Bylaw 20057 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 20057 be considered for third reading.”

#### **Advertising and Signing**

This Bylaw was advertised in the Edmonton Journal on April 1, 2022 and April 9, 2022. The Bylaw can be passed following third reading.

#### **Position of Administration**

Administration supports this proposed Bylaw.

#### **Report**

The proposed closure area will be retained as a Transportation Holding and closed to vehicular traffic as part of the Killarney Neighbourhood Renewal project led by the City's Building Great Neighbourhoods branch. This section of road is being closed to make the intersection easier to navigate and to encourage slower traffic in the area. The road closure will add more green space and will include a seating area with waste bins, additional lighting, a pathway and new landscaping.

The design is informed by the City's Safe Mobility Strategy, the Access Design Guide, BREATHE - Green Network Strategy, the Corporate Tree Policy, and the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards. The Killarney Neighbourhood Renewal project team undertook public engagement to help guide project decisions, for which, this was one. Neighbourhood renewal construction for Killarney is expected to begin in April 2022 with completion in 2023.

The proposed road closure and associated renewal supports The City Plan to ensure the safety of all users in the planning and design of city infrastructure, networks and spaces.

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### **Community Insights**

Killarney Neighbourhood Renewal project began public engagement in September 2019 by inviting ideas and input from residents and stakeholders. In July 2020 the project team presented options that aligned with city policies and technical requirements. From the feedback and review, they created a Draft Design which was presented to the neighbourhood in February 2021, to which adjustments were made. This road closure application and proposed Bylaw is an outcome of that process.

Planning Coordination sent an Advance Notice of the proposed closure to surrounding property owners, the Killarney Community League and the Edmonton North District Area Council on December 20, 2021. Four responses were received and are summarized as follows:

- One response expressed support for the closure and renewal;
- One wanted to know the impact to the school children;
- One expressed that the space was better left as a roadway for vehicles and that renewal funds would be better spent elsewhere; and
- One asked about construction timing.

In response Planning Coordination advised the following:

- Technical considerations concluded that the proposed closure would make the intersection easier to navigate and would encourage slower traffic in the area. This will result in a safer environment for children attending the school.
- No objections to the proposed closure were received from the circulation of the road closure application to technical reviewers.
- The Road Closure Bylaw process was described and the link to the Killarney Neighbourhood Renewal project website was provided.

### **Attachments**

1. Bylaw 20057
2. Aerial Site Context