

Bylaw 20165

To close a portion of Meridian Street NW, north of 34 Avenue NW, Maple

Purpose

To close a portion of Meridian Street NW to vehicular traffic, and maintain it as Road Right-of-Way

Readings

Bylaw 20165 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 20165 be considered for third reading.”

Advertising and Signing

This Bylaw was advertised in the Edmonton Journal on June 17, 2022 and June 25, 2022. The Bylaw can be passed following third reading.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this proposed Bylaw.

Report

This application proposes to close a portion of the Meridian Street NW road right-of-way to vehicular traffic in the Maple Neighbourhood, north of 34 Avenue NW. This legal road closure area will remain as a road right-of-way under the control of the City; no land sale is associated with this process.

This road closure conforms with the Maple Neighbourhood Structure Plan and The Meadows Area Structure Plan. Meridian Street NW is identified as a temporary secondary access to remain until the construction of permanent access. The forthcoming connection of Maple Road NW to 34 Avenue will render Meridian Street NW redundant. Access to Meridian Street NW will remain until the permanent connection to 34 Avenue has been constructed.

All comments from civic departments and utility agencies have been addressed.

Community Insights

An Advance Notice was sent to the entire Maple Neighbourhood and the Maple Community League on May 11, 2022. Three responses were received.

Two responses expressed concern about safety and the removal of Meridian Street NW while there were ongoing issues with the railroad crossings, and that this would remove their only access to

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emergency services. Administration clarified that this road closure is part of the process to replace the temporary, secondary, emergency access to the neighbourhood with the planned permanent roadway access to the neighbourhood, as per the Maple Neighbourhood Structure Plan; and also that Meridian Street would not be physically closed until the permanent roadway connections have been completed.

A third response questioned if Meridian Street would be accessible for foot traffic and bicycles, or if the area could become a dog park, and also advised that trash is often illegally dumped in the area. Administration answered that the road right-of-way will remain under public ownership with the City and could be accessible to pedestrians and cyclists, but that there are no current plans to convert the area into a formal park space. In addition, the removal of vehicular access to Meridian Street will likely make it more difficult to illegally dump refuse in the area.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 20165
2. Aerial Map
3. Maple Context Map