

## Bylaw 17583

Closure of vehicle access to a titled parcel located at 12049 - 127 Street NW, from 121 Avenue NW

### Recommendation:

That Transportation Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 17583 be given the appropriate readings.

### Purpose

To close vehicular access to 121 Avenue from a titled parcel located at 12049 127 Street NW. One alternate access to the parcel is available.

### Readings

Bylaw 17583, Attachment 1, is ready for three readings. Bylaw 17583 is authorized under Section 28 of the *Highways Development and Protection Act*. If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 17583 be considered for third reading.”

### Advertising and Signing

Advertising is not required for this Bylaw.

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### Report Summary

**This report requests City Council’s approval of Bylaw 17583.**

### Report

Bylaw 17583 proposes to remove the existing vehicular access from a titled parcel, legally described as Plan RN64, Block 18, Lot 11, to 121 Avenue in support of the 127 Street reconstruction project. The reconstruction project presents an opportunity to facilitate design changes that will improve vehicle and pedestrian safety.

The proposed access closure is located on the south side of 121 Avenue. It does not provide a safe and orderly access consistent with the operational requirements of public roads. Alternate access to the subject parcel is available via the adjacent alley.

### Policy

*The Way We Grow*, Municipal Development Plan:

- 3.5.2.1 Support neighbourhood revitalization that contributes to the livability and adaptability of mature neighbourhoods.

- 5.7.1 Ensure that streets, sidewalks and boulevards are designed to perform their diverse roles and to enable safe access for all users.

*The Way We Move*, Transportation Master Plan:

- 4.1 The City will integrate land use planning and transportation decisions to create an accessible, efficient and compact urban form.
- 4.3 Community Building, Transportation Mobility and Access.
- 6.1 The City will create a walkable environment.
- 7.3 e. Undertaking roadway and intersection improvement projects to address safety concerns, transit priority or good and services movement.

### **Corporate Outcomes**

The closure of the accesses and reconstruction of the sidewalk will improve pedestrian safety by removing conflict points with vehicles and improve sidewalk infrastructure that is in poor condition. This supports the following corporate outcomes:

- “Edmonton has sustainable infrastructure that fosters and supports civic and community needs”
- “The transportation system is integrated, safe and gives citizen choice to their mode of movement”
- “Citizens use public transit and active modes of transportation”

### **Public Consultation**

- A letter was sent to the property owner on February 24, 2016, which included project background information, justification for the access closure and City contact information for any questions and/or concerns.
- An on-site meeting was held with the property owner on March 3, 2016.
- A follow up email was sent to the owner on March 7, 2016, requesting confirmation of support, or non-support, for the access closure.

### **Legal Implications**

1. The proposed access closure must be carried out in accordance with the *Highways Development and Protection Act*.
2. Section 28(1) of the *Highways Development and Protection Act* provides that City Council may close a physical means of access to or from a controlled street by passing a bylaw.
3. The City must ensure that each titled parcel of land has at least one means of access to a controlled street, however indirect or circuitous that access may be, in accordance with Bylaw 13521 - City Streets Access Bylaw.
4. Provided alternate access to the titled parcel exists or is provided, no compensation is payable pursuant to section 29(1) of the *Highways Development and Protection Act*.

**Attachment**

1. Bylaw 17583

**Others Reviewing this Report**

- T. Burge, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and General Manager, Financial and Corporate Services