

# Bylaw 17561

## Closure of a portion of road right-of-way, Kirkness

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### **Purpose**

To close a portion of the old 153 Avenue NW road right-of-way located west of Victoria Trail NW.

### **Readings**

Bylaw 17561 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 17561 be considered for third reading."

### **Advertising and Signing**

This Bylaw has been advertised in the Edmonton Journal on Friday, February 26, 2016, and Saturday March 5, 2016. The Bylaw can be passed following third reading.

### **Position of Administration**

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### **Report**

The proposed road closure area will be consolidated with the adjacent property to the north in order to facilitate development of single detached housing in accordance with the Kirkness Outline Plan.

The Real Estate and Housing Branch of Sustainable Development advises the disposition of the closed road right-of-way will be dealt with through a sales agreement. A sales agreement has been completed between the City of Edmonton and Hopewell Victoria Crossing Land Corporation subject to the approval of Bylaw 17561.

Civic departments and utility agencies have reviewed the proposed road closure and all comments have been addressed.

### **Policy**

The proposed road closure supports *The Way We Grow* by promoting the completion of developing neighbourhoods and supporting contiguous development.

### **Corporate Outcomes**

- Edmonton is attractive and compact: The proposed road closure will allow for the development of a former road right-of-way and support the logical continuation of single detached homes along 151A Avenue.
- The City of Edmonton has sustainable and accessible infrastructure: The proposed road closure will allow for the development of surplus road right-of-way

and will support the construction of new roads to serve the existing neighbourhood.

### **Public Consultation**

Sustainable Development sent advance notification letters on February 18, 2015, to surrounding property owners the Fraser Community League, the Hairsine Community League, the Horse Hill Community League Association and the Clareview and District Area Council Area Council.

Sustainable Development received two responses to the advanced notice. One respondent was looking for more information about the road closure. The second respondent, an abutting landowner, expressed interest in purchasing all or a portion of the proposed closure area. Sustainable Development notified the applicant of the abutting landowner's interest to purchase the road. The applicant stated that they would require the entire road right-of-way in order to complete their development in accordance with the approved Kirkness Outline Plan. The abutting landowner was unable to provide an acceptable plan for development of the proposed closure area in accordance with the Kirkness Outline Plan.

### **Attachments**

1. Bylaw 17561
2. Sustainable Development report