

COUNCIL REPORT – LAND USE PLANNING BYLAW

Edmonton

BYLAW 21177

To close a portion of 101A Avenue NW (Judy Padua Way), Downtown

Purpose

To close a portion of 101A Avenue NW (Judy Padua Way) to consolidate with the adjacent parcel to the north (Plan 4390NY, Block E).

Readings

Bylaw 21177 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 21177 be considered for third reading.

Advertising and Signing

This Bylaw was advertised in the Edmonton Journal on May 23, 2025, and May 31, 2025. The Bylaw can be passed following third reading.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this proposed Bylaw.

Report

Bylaw 21177 proposes the formal closure of a portion of 101A Avenue NW (Judy Padua Way). Specifically, the application seeks to close the “plaza” portion of the roadway, with no impact to the section currently used for vehicular traffic. This closure is required to enable future agreements with the Edmonton Public Library and child care providers to operate within the subject site. If approved, the closure area will be consolidated with the adjacent parcel to the north (Plan 4390NY, Block E).

By formalizing a neighbourhood-level open space, this application advances the Big City Move of “A Community of Communities” by contributing to the development of a 15-minute district where individuals can more easily meet their daily needs. Located within the boundaries of the Capital City Downtown Plan and the Central District Plan, the proposal aligns with strategic objectives related to public realm enhancement and the integration of open spaces into the Active Transportation network. It directly supports the Downtown Plan’s goal of creating a “Well-Designed Downtown” by enhancing vibrant, pedestrian-oriented public spaces that are connected to the broader downtown open space network. The closure formalizes the existing configuration of Centennial Plaza, ensuring its long-term protection as a public amenity and reinforcing its role within the downtown public realm.

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Public engagement for this application included a mailed notice and information on the City's webpage. Administration heard from four (4) community members: one (1) in support, and three (3) requesting more information about the proposal. All comments from civic departments and utility agencies regarding this proposal have been addressed.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 21177
2. Aerial Map