

REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2021

FROM: Engineering and Construction Department

DATE: February 9, 2021

SUBJECT: **By-law 2021-018 A by-law to stop up and close for all purposes a portion of Thomas Street as shown on Plan 1**

LOCATION: Thomas Street

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That By-law 2021-018 – A by-law to stop up and close for all purposes a portion of Thomas Street on Plan 1, as detailed within the staff report from the Engineering & Construction Department, dated February 9, 2021, be passed;
2. That the Legal Department be authorized to register By-law 2021-018 in compliance with the *Municipal Act 2001*;
3. That the Legal Department be authorized to transfer the easement interests over a portion of Thomas Street to the various utility agencies following the registration of the By-law.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Staff is proposing to permanently close a portion of Thomas Street on Plan 1, which will form part of Lakeside Park.
- The closure of the street requires the appropriate steps be taken to stop up those lands not required for public roadway.
- The Parks and Open Space Department will maintain the lands as public space and will inventory the lands as part of Lakeside Park.
- Staff is proposing to convey utility easements to utility agencies, as required.

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BACKGROUND:

Staff is proposing to close a portion of Thomas Street south of Front Street adjoining Lakeside Park. The lands have been surveyed in conjunction with Lakeside Park and the survey indicates the above noted street has not been stopped up and closed as public highway. The lands will remain in the ownership of the town as part of Lakeside Park. Thomas Street (Appendix B) operates as an open space area adjoining Lakeside Park.

Staff consulted with the local utility agencies regarding the proposed closure and has confirmed the Region of Halton and Oakville Hydro have infrastructure within a portion of Thomas Street and Lakeside Park. As such, staff is proposing to convey easements to both agencies for the permanent protection of their respective infrastructure.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The closure of a portion of Thomas Street require the appropriate steps be taken with respect to permanently stopping up and closing those lands that are not required for public roadway.

Should Council approve the above road closure and utility easement conveyances, the Legal Department will register the by-law in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Parks & Open Space Department will inventory the lands as part of Lakeside Park and assume all maintenance associated with the open space area.

CONSIDERATIONS:**(A) PUBLIC**

Notice of Intention to close the portion of these public highways has been provided to the public in accordance with the town policy and the *Municipal Act, 2001*. This report will be available for public viewing via the town's website as per town policy.

(B) FINANCIAL

The nominal costs of the notification process have been charged to the existing operating budget. Future maintenance operating costs associated with the open space can be absorbed within the Parks and Open Space operating budget.

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(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

There is no impact anticipated on any other department or user. The Parks & Open Space Department and the Legal Department have been consulted in regards to this report.

(D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:

- continuously improve our programs and services
- provide outstanding service to our residents and businesses

(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

The permanent road closure of these lands improves the sustainability of programs and services in the area.

APPENDICES:

Appendix "A" – By-law 2021-018

Appendix "B" – Sketch illustrating part of Thomas Street

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