



RPT 20-436

TITLE: 200 - 25th Street East - Lane Closure Inquiry

DATE: **October 27, 2020**

TO: Executive Committee

PUBLIC: X

INCAMERA:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received as information and filed.

TOPIC & PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is respond to the Council Motions made on October 13th, 2020 requesting Administration to report on whether there are any problems with the closure of a lane by 200 – 25th Street East.

BACKGROUND:

In summer of 2019, the city received concerns from the property owner of 200 – 25 SE over fence damage from lane traffic hitting the owner's fence. The City Manager Office and Roadways Manager accommodated the concern by installing two concrete filled bollards, at the expense of the City, to protect the fence from future damage. Since their install, bollards have not been hit.

In August of 2020, Councillor Nowoselsky made a verbal inquiry to Planning and Development Services regarding the potential closure of the lane adjacent to 200 – 25th Street East due the homeowner of 200 25th Street East raising concerns of damage to their fence by vehicles using the lane. Planning and Development Services reviewed the matter and advised Councillor Nowoselsky of the potential issues with a lane closure.

On September 1st, 2020, Councillor Nowoselsky made a second verbal inquiry to Planning and Development Services regarding the potential closure of the lane adjacent to 200 – 25th Street East and inquired if the Crown Utility companies could be contacted for their comments. Planning and Development Services reviewed the matter further and advised Councillor Nowoselsky of the action take by the City Managers office and Public Works to address the matter outlined below.

At the City Council Meetings on September 21st, 2020 and October 13th, 2020, Council passed motions to have Administration prepare a report on potential problems with the closure of the roadway.

PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:

Closing the portion of the lane would result in a single 317 meter long East-West lane that exceeds maximum lane length of 300 metres set out in the City of Prince Albert Design Standards (See attachment). The longest section of lane currently at this location is 223 meters. The increase in lane length coupled with the reduction in 1 lane entrance/exit reduces public works ability to maintain the lanes and reduces the ability for emergency vehicles to access and respond to issues.

The portion of the lane that is requested to be closed is used for lane drainage. Water runs from North to South towards 25 Street East. If the lane is closed and landscaped, it could lead to ponding issues in remaining lane.

There are no City Utilities, such as sewer or water in this portion of lane.

There are overhead utilities in the portion of lane on three utility poles. There is a single phase powerline (SaskPower) and telecommunication lines (Sasktel, Shaw). SaskEnergy may have an underground service, the location is unknown. If the lane was to be closed a significant utility easement would need to be registered.

COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:

This report communicates to Council the issues with the potential closure of this portion of lane as requested by the Council Motions. The landowner was involved with the installation of the bollards as a solution to the initial concern of the fence being damaged.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 200 25th SE - Lane Photo
2. Location Plan
3. Location Plan with Aerial Photo
4. 6.15.1 – Lanes, Design Standards Manual

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