

Report to Civic Works Committee

To: Chair and Members
Civic Works Committee
From: Kelly Scherr, P. Eng., MBA, FEC, Deputy City Manager, Environment & Infrastructure
Subject: Closing Princess Street
Date: July 26, 2022

Recommendation

That on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment & Infrastructure, the following actions **BE TAKEN** with respect to the closing of Princess Street:

- (a) the closing of Princess Street on Registered Plan 380 **BE APPROVED**, and
- (b) the attached proposed by-law (Appendix 'A') **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on August 2, 2022, for the purpose of closing Princess Street.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan

The following report supports the Strategic Plan through the strategic focus area of "Building a Sustainable City" by closing a street which is no longer needed for public use and transferring ownership to support a proposed development.

Analysis

1.0 Background Information

Princess Street was established by Registered Plan 380 which was registered May 1, 1880. The street was never constructed, and the abutting properties are accessed from other streets. Part of the westerly half of Princess Street was previously closed and now forms part of Middlesex Standard Condominium 764 but the easterly portion of the road allowance continues to lay dormant.

2.0 Discussion and Considerations

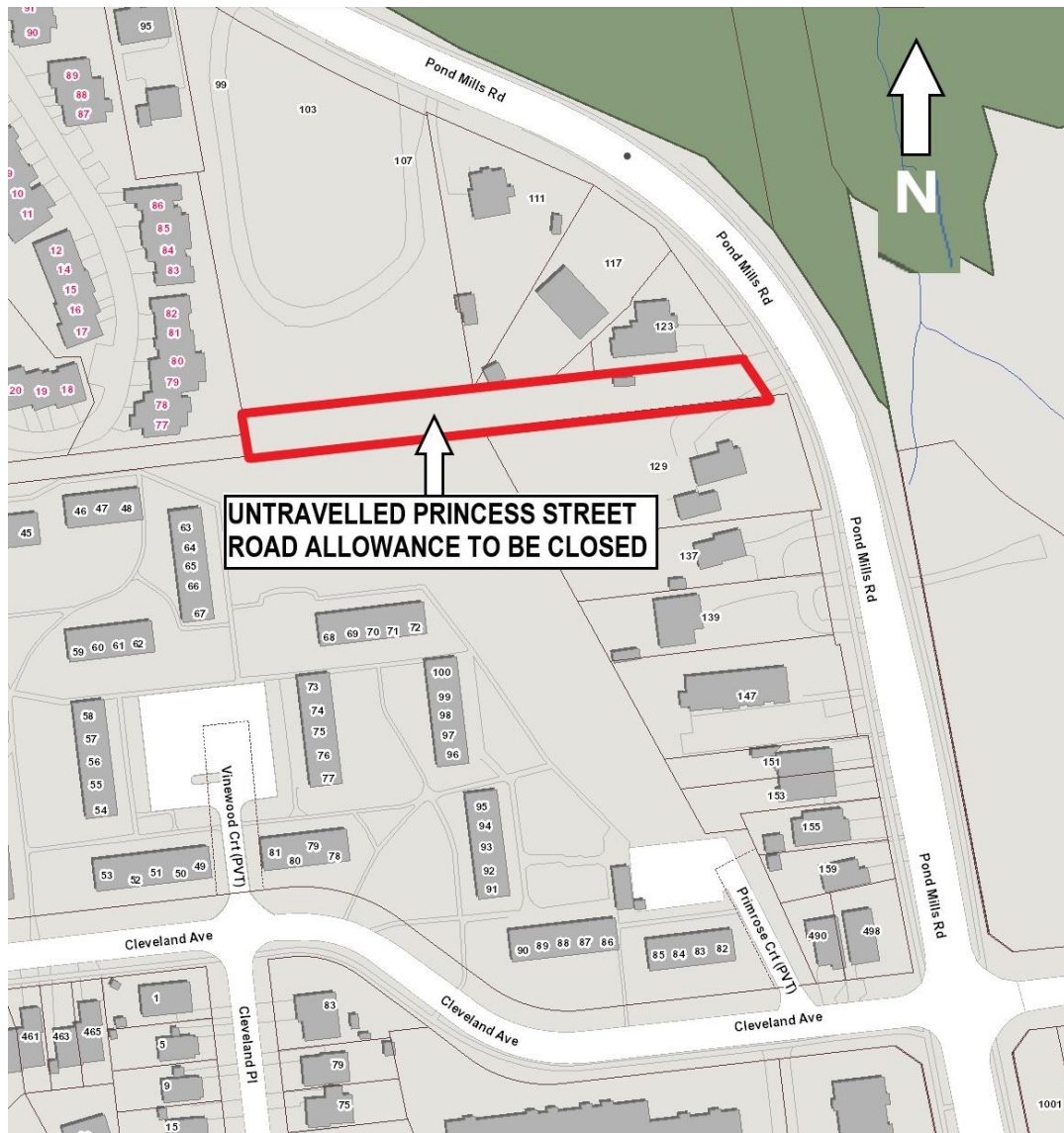
An application has been received on behalf of Pond Mills Developments Inc., the owner of 129 Pond Mills Road, to close and purchase the subject portion of Princess Street so that it can be added to their lands in support of a proposed development. As a prerequisite to the conveyance, the street must first be legally closed as public highway, which is the purpose of this report.

The road allowance is not open, has never been publicly travelled and is not needed for future public use. There are no utilities or property owners that are directly impacted by the closing.

Realty Services has notified the abutting owners and is in the process of working with any interested parties with the intent being to dispose of the road allowance as expeditiously and equitably as possible. Subject to the closing bylaw being approved, Realty Services will bring forward a report to the Corporate Services Committee recommending the road allowance lands be declared surplus and for approving purchase and sale agreements with any interested abutting owners.

3.0 Financial Impact/Considerations

The closing of Princess Street has no financial impact on the City and the terms of any sales will be the subject of the separate report to the Corporate Services Committee.



Conclusion

Princess Street is not travelled and is not required for future public use by the City. All of the abutting properties are accessible from other streets. It is therefore recommended the road allowance be legally closed via the attached bylaw in Appendix 'A' as a precursor to being sold to the applicant and any interested abutting property owners.

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Environment & Infrastructure

Attach: Appendix A: By-law to close Princess Street

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APPENDIX A: By-law to close Princess Street

Bill No.

By-law No. S - _____

A By-law to stop up and close Princess Street.

WHEREAS it is expedient to stop up and close Princess Street on Registered Plan 380 in the City of London;

THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. Princess Street shall be stopped up and forever closed and cease to be and form public highway:

Princess Street on Registered Plan 380 designated as Parts 1 and 2 on plan 33R-21307 in the City of London and County of Middlesex.

2. The lands comprising the said street hereby stopped up and closed shall continue to be vested in the Corporation of the City of London to be dealt with from time to time as the Council of the Corporation may see fit and deem proper.

3. This By-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on _____

Ed Holder
Mayor

Michael Schulthess
City Clerk

First Reading –
Second Reading –
Third Reading –