



Declaration of Surplus Property – Main Street Station

Date: February 28, 2023
To: TTC Board
From: Chief Capital Officer

Summary

This report requests that the Board declare a small strip of land along the southern property limit of Main Street Station (“Station”), currently used as a sidewalk, as surplus to the operational needs of the TTC.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Declare the strip of land along the southern property limit of Main Street Station currently used as a sidewalk and measuring approximately 220 square metres in area, as surplus to the operational needs of the TTC.
2. Authorize the release of the property to the City of Toronto on terms and conditions satisfactory to the TTC’s General Counsel.

Implementation Points

In accordance with the TTC’s Real Estate Investment Plan, there is an opportunity for the TTC, in partnership with the City, to support City Building initiatives that align with the principle of maximizing value creation opportunities for TTC surplus properties. It also conforms with the City-Wide Real Estate Strategy that ensures real estate assets are being maximized.

The operational jurisdiction of the property is being transferred back to the City in accordance with the real estate service delivery model and delegated authority approval process as set out in Item EX27.12, adopted by Council at its meeting of October 2, 3 and 4, 2017.

The property is to be released in accordance with TTC Procedural By-Law No. 2 and TTC Policy 8.2.0 – Disposal of Surplus Property, Acquisition of Real Property, Office and Short-Term Lease, and the City surplus property process.

Financial Summary

A minor reduction in costs is expected, as the TTC will no longer be responsible for maintenance of the sidewalk.

The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the report and agrees with the financial summary.

Equity/Accessibility Matters

A cornerstone of the TTC's current Corporate Plan is accessibility and as a proud leader in providing accessible public transit in the city of Toronto, we are committed to ensuring reliable, safe and inclusive transit services for all our customers.

Declaring this property surplus will not have an impact on the accessibility of the Station. The sidewalk will continue to remain in operation, providing customers the ability to travel barrier-free between Barrington Avenue and Main Street, with access to Main Street Station.

Main Street Station is an accessible station and has an accessible path to the subway platform.

Decision History

The real estate service delivery model and delegated authority approval process as set out in Item EX27.12, adopted by Council at its meeting of October 2, 3 and 4, 2017, including any amendments as approved by Council from time to time.

[Agenda Item History - 2017.EX27.12 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

Issue Background

In 2021, staff were contacted by the ward Councillor and The Laneway Project, a not-for-profit social enterprise focused on upgrading and activating laneways, to discuss plans to improve the public lane and the TTC's adjacent sidewalk that runs in an east-west direction from Barrington Avenue to Main Street, directly south of the Station. The sidewalk is separated from the Station by a decorative wrought iron fence. The plans include beautification through the placement of planters and improving safety for pedestrians and TTC customers travelling between Barrington Avenue and Main Street.

To improve pedestrian safety, a chain link fence, currently separating the sidewalk and the lane, will be removed and another protective barrier installed to prevent vehicles from driving onto the sidewalk. The new barrier will have intermittent gaps to allow pedestrians to leave the sidewalk mid-block to access the lane. The sidewalk, which varies in width, is approximately 93 metres by 2.3 metres, for a total area of 220 square metres. The sidewalk is located entirely within the Station property and is not part of the City's public realm as shown on Appendix 1.

The sidewalk is not required for the operation of transit service. Declaring the sidewalk surplus will enable operational management to be transferred to the appropriate department within the City of Toronto and enable the lane and sidewalk rehabilitation works to be completed. The proposed rehabilitation plans will be required to be reviewed and approved by the TTC.

Comments

Staff recommend that the strip of land along the south limit of the Station, currently used as a sidewalk and measuring approximately 220 square metres in area, be declared surplus to the operational needs of the TTC as it is not required for the operation of transit service.

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Attachments

Appendix 1 – Strip of land to be declared surplus – Location Map

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