

LANE CLOSURE POLICY
Council Policy No. 97/04

PURPOSE:

To consider the closures of streets and lanes which will be of benefit to the City, its citizens and/or businesses and industry.

POLICY:

Lane and street closures shall be considered for approval where:

1. There is no need for access for emergency services.
2. There is no need for commercial access such as for loading or unloading.
3. There are either no utilities within the lane or easements can be provided to ensure access to utilities for maintenance and repairs.
4. There is no overwhelming hardship on any utility provider respecting the closure.
5. Adjacent landowners agree to the closure and on the disposition of the lands being closed.
6. There is no municipal benefit in keeping the street or lane open (for a public trail system or walkway).
7. There is an enhancement to business or industrial development in the City.
8. The disposition of any lane closure property will be at Council's discretion.

REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Has the applicant correctly completed application form and paid the \$500 fee?
2. Utility check: Are there sewer, water or other utilities within the lane?
3. If utilities are located in the lane, can an easement be provided or can utilities be relocated?
4. Is the lane needed for access (commercial loading or unloading)?
5. Are lanes essential for emergency access?
6. If to be closed, is the lane of benefit to the City for a municipal purpose {e.g. public trail / walkway system}?
7. If the lane is deemed suitable for sale to adjacent owners, have both owners agreed whether one owner will purchase 100% of the lane or will the adjacent owners will pay 50% of the lane and take ½ of the ownership? Have they agreed to pay the appraised value for the lane?
8. Will the closure enhance the business and industrial development in the City?