

**16. Motion – Delegated Authority for Road Closures**

**Motion - Pouvoirs délégués pour la fermeture de rues**

**Committee recommendations**

**That Council approve the following:**

1. **Subject to Recommendation 2, the delegated authority of any staff pursuant to the Delegation of Authority By-law, or any other by-law or policy of the City, to close roads for more than 20 working days to support development be removed to ensure community concerns are heard and developers provide a safe detour to the satisfaction of the community, Ward Councillor(s) and Transportation Services;**
2. **Delegated Authority may be restored with the written concurrence of the Ward Councillor(s) in which the portions of the road proposed to be closed are located;**
3. **The General Manager, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development be directed to submit a report to Committee and Council in 2020 to provide recommendations as to an appropriate process moving forward to ensure that the concerns expressed in this motion are addressed.**

**Recommandations du Comité**

**Que le Conseil approuve ce qui suit :**

1. **Sous réserve de la recommandation 2, que l'on abroge les pouvoirs délégués en vertu du Règlement municipal sur la délégation de pouvoirs ou de tout autre politique ou règlement municipaux autorisant un membre du personnel à fermer des rues pendant plus de 20 jours ouvrables pour permettre un aménagement afin que l'on tienne compte des préoccupations du public et que les promoteurs proposent un détours sécuritaire jugé satisfaisant par les résidents, les conseillers de quartier et la Direction générale des transports;**
2. **Que les pouvoirs délégués puissent être rétablis avec le consentement écrit des conseillers des quartiers où se trouvent les**

tronçons de rue que l'on propose de fermer;

3. Que l'on demande au directeur général de la Planification, de l'Infrastructure et du Développement économique de présenter en 2020 au Comité et au Conseil un rapport recommandant la mise en place d'un processus approprié pour régler les problèmes soulevés dans la présente motion.

Documentation/Documentation

1. Committee Coordinator's report, Office of City Clerk, dated November 29, 2019 (ACS2019-OCC-PLC-0006)

Rapport de la Coordonnatrice du comité, Bureau du Greffier municipal, daté le 29 novembre 2019 (ACS2019-OCC-PLC-0006)

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Ward: CITY WIDE / À L'ÉCHELLE DE LA VILLE File Number: ACS2019-OCC-PLC-0006

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OBJET: Motion - Pouvoirs délégués pour la fermeture de rues

## REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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## **RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Planning Committee, at its meeting of November 28, 2019, approved the following motion, which was added to the agenda pursuant to Subsection 89. (3) of Procedure By-law 2016-377:

WHEREAS the City has no legal obligation to close roads for the development of subdivisions; and

WHEREAS these developments provide a significant financial return to the builder;  
and

WHEREAS these road closures cause stress, environmental damage, productivity loss and detour large volumes of traffic through neighbourhoods and past schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Planning Committee recommend to Council to approve the following:

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## **DISCUSSION**

The Committee unanimously supported the aforementioned motion, which is now before Council.

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with the report recommendation.

## **CONSULTATION**

No consultation was undertaken as this is an administrative item that was added at the Planning Committee meeting.

## **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

This is not a ward-specific report. Councillor Blais brought the motion forward at Planning Committee.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Legal staff will be present at the Council meeting and can provide comment if requested.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no known risk implications associated with the report recommendation.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications.

## **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

There are no impacts to accessibility associated with the report recommendation.

## **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

This report has no direct impacts on the City's strategic priorities or directions identified for the current term of Council.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 – Planning Committee Extract of draft Minutes, November 28, 2019

## **DISPOSITION**

Staff will take direction from Council and proceed accordingly.

**Document 1**

**Planning Committee extract of draft Minutes, November 28, 2019**

**Other Business – Additional Item**

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor S. Blais

**WHEREAS the matter of road closures in support of development is causing current and pressing concerns,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following motion be added to the agenda of the Planning Committee meeting of November 28, 2019:**

- **Delegated Authority for Road Closures**

CARRIED

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor S. Blais

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CARRIED