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CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Proposed Closure of Portions of Homer Street and Hamilton Street

Adjacent to 1180 Homer Street

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services to apply and raise title in the name of the City of Vancouver to a portion of Homer Street that contains the encroachment by the existing building at 1180 Homer Street, the said portion as shown on a reduced copy of a Reference Plan, attached hereto as Appendix "A".
- B. THAT all that volumetric portion of Homer Street included within the heavy outline and illustrated isometrically on a plan of survey, a reduced copy of which is attached as Appendix "B", and, all that portion of Hamilton Street included within the heavy outline and illustrated isometrically on a plan of survey, a reduced copy of which is attached as Appendix "C", be closed, stopped-up and that easements be granted to the owner of abutting Lot 9 Block 76 District Lot 541 Plan 3469 ("Lot 9") to contain the portions of the existing building which encroach onto Homer Street and Hamilton Street. The easements to be for the life of the encroaching portions of the existing building on Lot 9 and to be to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
- C. THAT fees for the document preparation, registration and use of the easements referred to in Recommendation "B" are to be in accordance with those charged for an agreement prepared pursuant to the Encroachment By-law.
- D. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute all documents and plans required.

If Council approves this report the Formal Resolution to close portions of Homer Street and Hamilton Street will be before Council later this day for approval.

COUNCIL POLICY

The authority for closing and disposing of street and lane is set out in the Vancouver Charter.

Permitting encroachments onto street and lane by listed heritage buildings is consistent with Council's past practice.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council authority to close and stop-up portions of Homer Street and Hamilton Street and to grant easements to contain the encroaching elements of the building located at 1180 Homer Street.

BACKGROUND

The subject site, Lot 9, has been redeveloped with a 7-storey mixed-use building (retail on the ground floor with 15 residential units above) in accordance with Development Permit No. DE407680. The Homer Street façade of the former McMaster building, constructed in 1910 and listed in Category "B" on the Vancouver Heritage Register, has been retained and has been designated as protected heritage property under Heritage Designation By-law No. 8728.

Portions of the building's exterior are encroaching onto Homer Street and Hamilton Street. As such, the Registrar of Land Titles has taken the position that to satisfy the Strata Property Act, the strata corporation must have control over the portion of street or lane affected by the building encroachments for the life of the building. To accomplish this, the volumetric portions of the street that contain the encroachments must be closed, stopped-up, and easements granted.

Recommendation "A" seeks to raise title to a portion of Homer Street. It will not be necessary to raise title to any portion of Hamilton Street since title already exists as Lot K, Except: (A) Part in Plan 4544, (B) Portions Coloured Yellow on Plan 4959, (C) Part in Explanatory Plan 17265, Block 76 District Lot 541 Plan 3469 ("Lot K"). Lot K was established as road in 1995 by document filed BJ374292, and contains a loading dock and related fixtures that will continue to be maintained by the Lot 9 owner under an Easement and Indemnity Agreement registered against the title of Lot 9 as charge number BL424763.

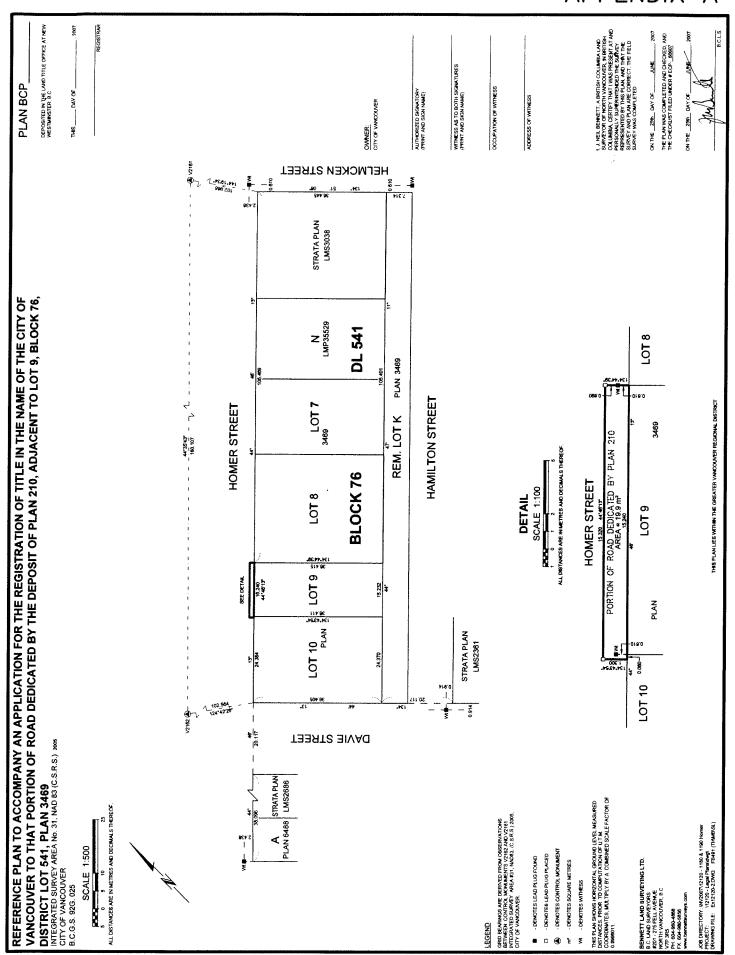
DISCUSSION

On the Homer Street side of Lot 9, portions of the heritage façade exterior wall, including a roof level cornice, encroach to a maximum extent of 1.300 metres onto Homer Street. On the Hamilton Street side of Lot 9, a portion of the building's exterior wall encroaches to a maximum extent of 0.050 metres onto Hamilton Street.

It is necessary to seek Council approval to close, stop-up and authorize registration of volumetric easements over the portions of Homer Street and Hamilton Street described above in Recommendation "B".

We are RECOMMENDING that fees be charged as per the Encroachment By-law, as is consistent with past Council direction.

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APPENDIX B

