

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

BLUE DIAMOND TERRACE FENCE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That this report BE RECEIVED for information purposes; and
2. That Staff be directed to implement Council's direction to close the fence opening by making application to the Region of York for an encroachment permit if required, and that all work be completed at the Developer's expense.

Economic Impact

There are no immediate budgetary impacts resulting from the adoption of this report.

Purpose

This report has been prepared in response to Council's request to investigate and report back at the first Committee of the Whole meeting in September with respect to the closure of the fence opening located on the east side of Islington Avenue, south of Major Mackenzie Drive on Blue Diamond Terrace.

Background - Analysis and Options

Item 86, Report No. 37, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 26, 2006, recommended:

“That the fence opening located on the east side of Islington Avenue, south of Major Mackenzie Drive on Blue Diamond Terrace be closed; and

That staff be requested to investigate and report back at the first Committee of the Whole in September with respect to the closure of this fence opening; and

That York Regional Police be requested to increase their monitoring and enforcement of the illegal parking occurring along Blue Diamond Terrace.”

Blue Diamond Terrace Subdivision

Blue Diamond Terrace is a cul-de-sac located within the Kortright Ravines Subdivision described by 19T-99V11. The residential development is located south of Major Mackenzie Drive and immediately east of Islington Avenue. Refer to Attachment No. 1. Municipal services in Registered Plan 65M-3532 were installed in 2001 and the subdivision is currently unassumed.

A wrought iron and concrete column fence runs parallel to Islington Avenue immediately adjacent to Blue Diamond Terrace. There exists an 11 metre wide opening in the fence near the end of the Blue Diamond Terrace cul-de-sac. This opening was designed to facilitate pedestrian access to the sidewalk on Islington Avenue and the subdivision was approved with this fence opening to allow for pedestrian traffic connectivity.

Staff have undertaken a site inspection and determined it is technically feasible to be able to close off this opening with a section of wrought iron fence between the two existing concrete columns. Staff is undertaking discussions with the Developer to arrange for the work to be done. However, in order to close the existing opening, the new portion of the fence may be required to

encroach onto the Islington Avenue Regional right-of-way to accommodate its placement, so that the existing curb portion of the cul-de-sac need not be relocated. Approval from the Region of York may be necessary should the fence be located within their right-of-way. A detailed survey is required to reveal the exact location of the Islington Avenue streetline.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to service delivery excellence as established by Vaughan Vision 2007, this report will assist in ensuring improved community safety through, design, prevention, enforcement and education.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

The closure of the existing fence opening along Blue Diamond Terrace, adjacent to Islington Avenue would occur within an unassumed subdivision. Staff have determined it is technically feasible to close off this existing fence opening at the end of the cul-de-sac, thereby restricting pedestrian access to the existing sidewalk on Islington Avenue.

Attachments

1. Blue Diamond Terrace - Location Map

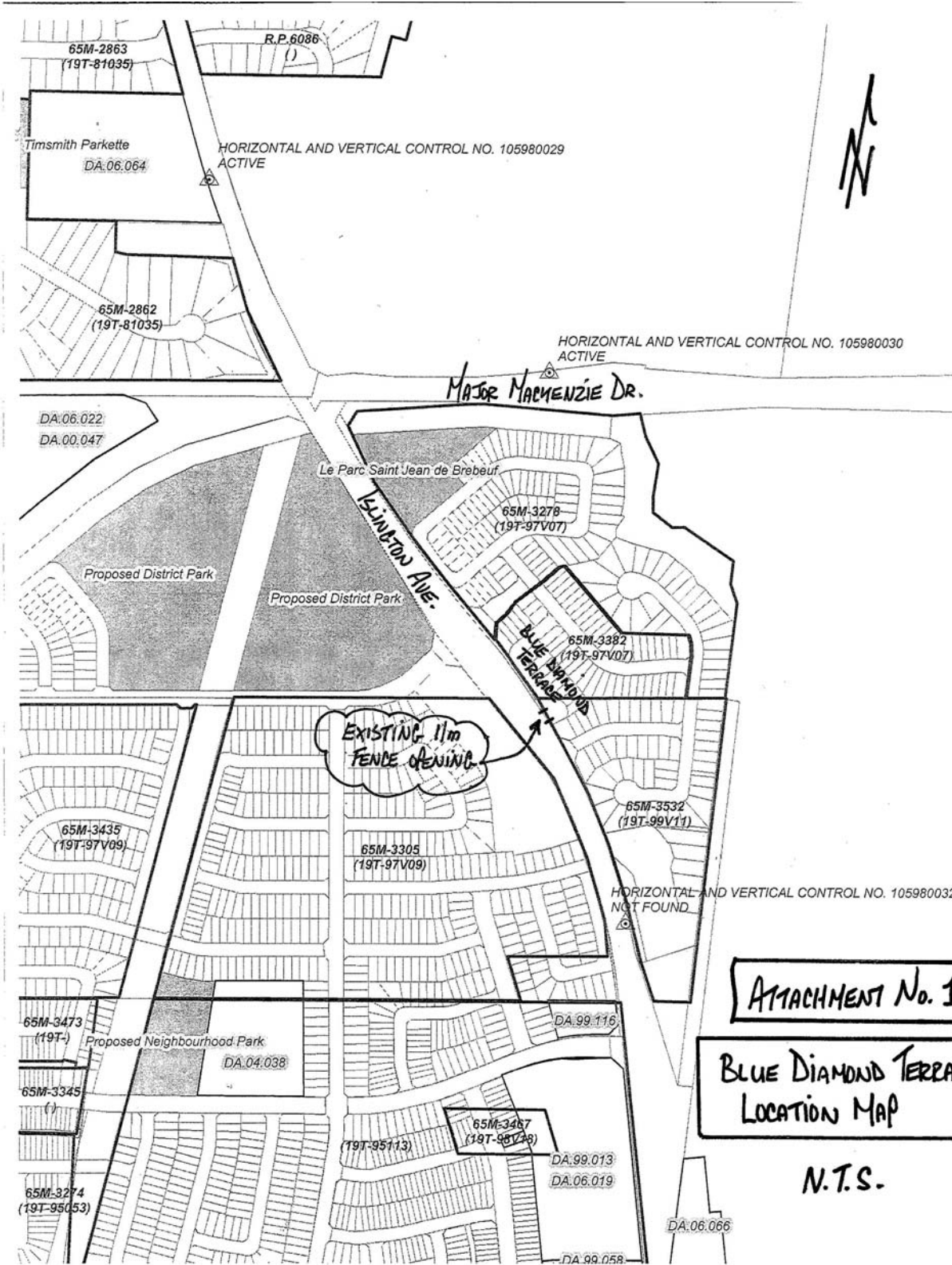
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ATTACHMENT No. 1

**BLUE DIAMOND TERRACE
LOCATION MAP**

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