



Staff Report to Council

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Planning

SUBJECT: Veterans Memorial Park – Road Closure Bylaw No. 2246, (a portion of Aldwynd Road), 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report introduces Bylaw No. 2246 to close a portion of Aldwynd Road in order to increase the size of the park in accordance with the recommendations of the Parks and Trails Master Plan. The area of closed road will be dedicated as park along with other adjacent parcels owned by the City.

BACKGROUND:

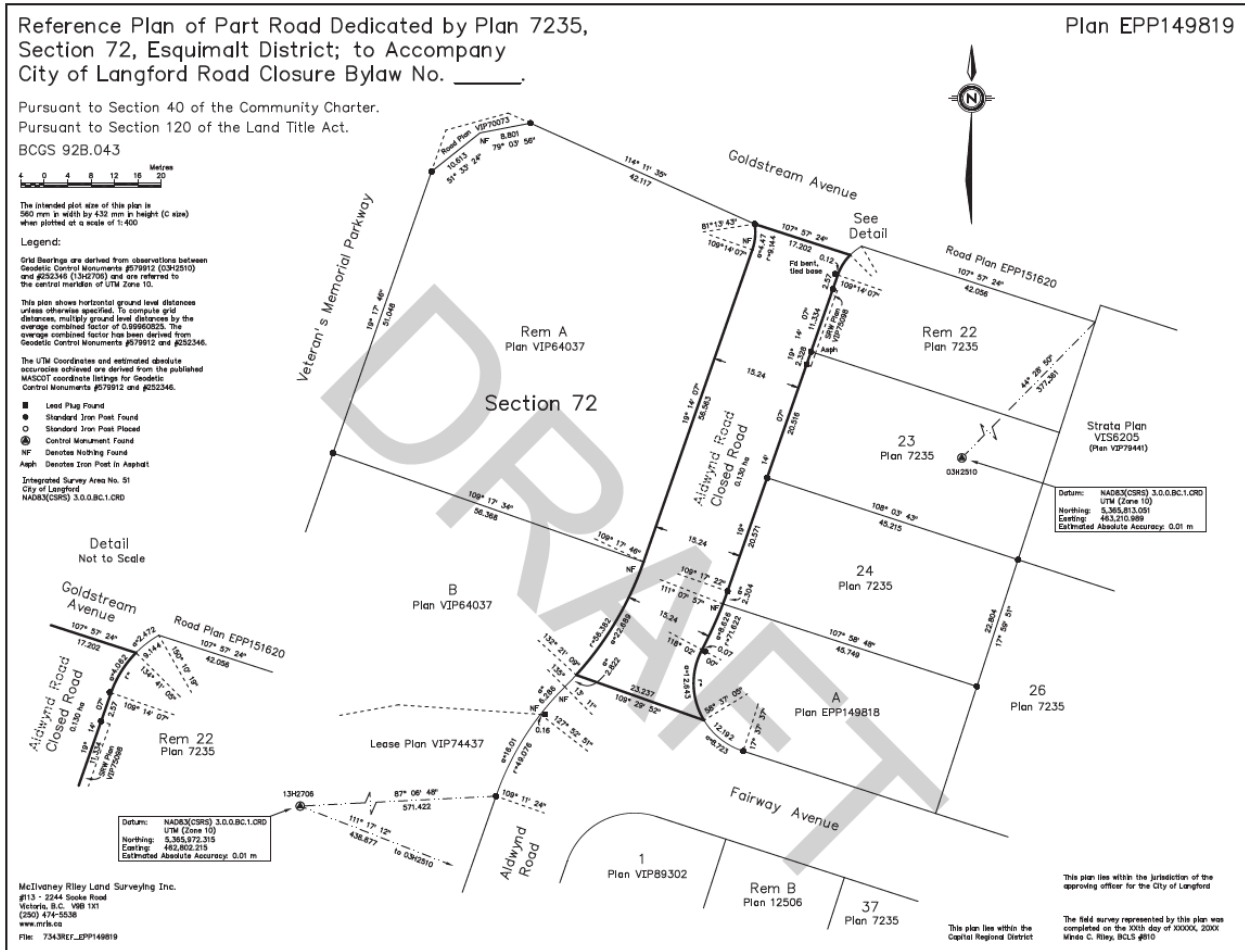
In February 2026, Council approved the Parks and Trails Master Plan that provides specific recommendations to expand Veterans Memorial Park by closing a portion of Aldwynd Road. In 2022, the City purchased five lots east of Aldwynd Road, including the former Masonic Hall at 679 Goldstream Avenue. The dedication of these lots and the closed road as park will nearly double the size of the existing park and will provide valuable green space in the city center for Langford residents. The area of closed road is shown below as Figure 1 - Road Closure Plan.

COMMENTARY:

The City has contracted with Lanarc Consultants and ISL Engineering for the park expansion design and to assist with the road closure. Approximately 13,000m² of road has been identified for closure.

Sanitary sewer, stormwater sewer, CRD Water works and BC Hydro and telecommunication infrastructure are known to exist in the portion of road to be closed. The utilities will stay in place. Notification has been sent to the utility operators as required by the Community Charter and SRW will be registered prior to park dedication.

The Fire Department has required that emergency access from Goldstream Avenue to Fairway Avenue is maintained. Public engagement has identified Aldwynd Road as an active transportation corridor. The park expansion design ensures that the area of closed road will be paved with brick with roll over curbs, ramp letdowns and removable bollards such that sufficient access is provided.



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The area of closed road will become dedicated park and no disposition of land is necessary. The Veterans Memorial Expansion project is included in the 2026 capital budget and funded through Parkland Improvement Development Cost Charges (DCCs).

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Public notification of the road closure as required by provincial legislation will be provided prior to the adoption of Road Closure Bylaw No. 2246 (a portion of Aldwynd Road). There are no known legal implications associated with the closure and disposal of this portion of road.

OPTIONS:



Option 1

THAT Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to Road Closure Bylaw No. 2246 (a portion of Aldwynd Road), 2026;

AND

THAT Council instruct staff to proceed with the notification process.

OR Option 2

THAT Council take no action with respect to Road Closure Bylaw No. 2246, (a portion of Aldwynd Road), 2026 at this time.

SUBMITTED BY: James Oliver, Deputy Approving Officer, Senior Land Development Technologist

Concurrence: Leah Stohmann, RPP, MCIP, Director of Community Planning and Development

Concurrence: Melisa Miles, Manager of Legislative Services

Concurrence: Donna Petrie, Senior Manager of Communications & Economic Development

Concurrence: Katelyn Balzer, P.Eng., Director of Engineering and Public Works

Concurrence: Michael Dillabaugh, CPA, CA, Director of Finance

Concurrence: Marie Watmough, Director of Legislative & Protective Services

Concurrence: Braden Hutchins, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Concurrence: Darren Kiedyk, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

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EPP149819 - Road Closure Plan