
Subject: Stop Up and Close a Portion of Regional Road 27 (Wellandport Road) in the Township of West Lincoln

Report to: Corporate Services Committee

Report date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Recommendations

1. That a portion of the untravelled road allowance of Regional Road 27 (Wellandport Road) in the Township of West Lincoln designated as part 1 on Plan 30R-15311 containing approximately 526 square metres (0.13 acres) as shown on Appendix 1 attached (the “Lands”) **BE APPROVED** to be stopped up and closed.
2. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration.

Key Facts

- Council approval is required to stop up and close untravelled road allowance of a Regional road
- A property owner approached Niagara Region about purchasing the Lands in order to merge the Lands with the adjacent property to become a developable parcel of land
- Transportation staff have reviewed this request and have determined that the Lands are not required for future road purposes

Financial Considerations

An independent appraisal was undertaken to determine the value of the Lands. The appraised value is greater than \$100,000; therefore, approval of Council is required to declare the Lands surplus and to approve the intended manner or process of the sale which is addressed in confidential report CSD 11-2019 dated January 9, 2019.

Analysis

As the Lands are currently part of the untravelled road allowance of Regional Road 27 (Wellandport Road), it is necessary for the Lands to be stopped up and closed following the procedures required under Niagara Region’s Public Notice Policy C-RC-005 (formerly C3.P09). The procedures include posting of a public meeting on Niagara Region’s website at least ten (10) days prior to the public meeting. The public meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2019 at Corporate Services Committee. The

recommendations in this report are subject to approval of the oral report resulting from the public meeting.

Transportation and Water & Wastewater staff were consulted in regards to the stopping up and closing of the untravelled road allowance and have no concerns.

Staff circulated information to utility companies in regards to securing easements following the stopping up and closing of the Lands. Easements will be put in place for any infrastructure that requires protection.

Alternatives Reviewed

A possible alternative is to not approve the recommendation to stop up and close the untravelled road allowance which would stop the process of selling the Lands.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

This report was brought forward as a result of a property owner's request to purchase the Lands. The recommendations support Council's Strategic Priority of Fostering Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Other Pertinent Reports

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Appendix 1 – the "Lands"