



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: RS2021-033

Meeting Date: September 7, 2021

Title: **Proposed Surplus Declaration, Closure, and Sale of Shoreline Road Allowance adjacent to 29 Fox Beach Lane, Carden**

Description: Proposed Surplus Declaration, Closure, and Sale of a Portion of Shoreline Road Allowance legally described as Part of Lot 20, Concession 4, Carden as in R420546, T/W R420546, City of Kawartha Lakes

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Recommendation(s):

That Report RS2021-033, **Proposed Surplus Declaration, Closure, and Sale of Shoreline Road Allowance adjacent to 29 Fox Beach Lane, Carden**, be received;

That the subject property, being a portion of shoreline road allowance adjacent to 29 Fox Beach Lane, Carden, and legally described as Part of Lot 20, Concession 4, Carden as in R420546; T/W R420546, City of Kawartha Lakes, be declared surplus to municipal needs;

That the closure of the portion of shoreline road allowance to the adjoining landowner be supported, in principle, in accordance with the provisions of By-Law 2018-20, as amended, and the Municipal Act, 2001, and subject to the parties entering into a conditional Agreement of Purchase and Sale;

That Council set the value of land at the higher of the appraised value or the minimum set price of \$23.00 per linear foot of shoreline road allowance adjacent to a lake;

That staff be directed to commence the process to stop up and close the said portion of road allowance;

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Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

That a by-law (with any amendments deemed necessary) to close the road and authorize its disposition shall be passed if appropriate;

That a deeming by-law be passed contemporaneously with the disposition by-law if necessary;

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all documents to facilitate the road closing and conveyance of the lands; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Background:

The Land Management Team (formerly the Land Management Committee) received a request from the owner of the property located at 29 Fox Beach Lane, Carden to purchase the portion of shoreline road allowance that is adjacent to their property.

The Land Management Team reviewed this request at its meeting on March 8, 2021 and had no objections to the request.

Public Notice advertising the potential surplus declaration and sale of the subject shoreline road allowance was completed by newspaper circulation in the Kawartha Lakes This week on the 12th, 19th, and 26th days of August, 2021. During this three-week advertising period, notice was also posted on the City's website. Realty Services did not receive any public comments or concerns with regards to the proposed closure and sale of the subject shoreline road allowance.

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that the Land Management Team recommends that the subject property be declared surplus to municipal needs and that approval be given, in principle, for the closure and sale of the requested portion of the shoreline road allowance to the adjoining landowner.

Rationale:

Shoreline road allowances exist on many lakes within the City Kawartha Lakes. Although many of these allowances were never opened as public municipal roads, they remain public property. Recreational and residential property owners of "lakefront" property often do not own their lots right up to the water's edge. In many circumstances, the adjacent property owner has encroached onto this space and utilized it as a lot addition.

In this area there have been sections of the shoreline road allowance that have been previously stopped up, closed and conveyed to adjoining landowners. Accordingly, the Land Management Team felt that it would be appropriate to proceed with stopping up, closing and conveying the subject portion of shoreline road allowance to the adjacent landowner.

As per section 4.04 of By-Law 2018-20, as amended, an appraisal is not be required for closed road allowances being sold to an adjacent landowner, as long as the minimum price set out in Schedule C of By-Law 2018-20, in this case being \$23.00 per linear foot of shoreline road allowance adjacent to a lake, is recovered. In order to net a higher

return for the taxpayer, the Land Management Team recommends setting the value of the subject property at the higher of the appraised value or the minimum set price of \$23.00 per linear foot of shoreline road allowance adjacent to a lake.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council may decide not to sell the shoreline road allowance and derive no financial benefit whatsoever. That would be inconsistent with past practice and is not recommended in this circumstance.

Council could decide not to require an appraisal and dispose of the subject portion of road allowance for the minimum price of \$23.00 per linear foot of shoreline road allowance adjacent to a lake. Should Council decide to proceed to dispose of the property using the price of \$23.00 per linear foot, consideration for the subject portion of shoreline road allowance is calculated as approximately \$1,840.00. This is not recommended in this circumstance, given that Council has expressed the City is not capitalizing on the disposal of surplus land. Requiring an appraisal will ensure that the City is obtaining the best price for the land that creates a transaction that, while still advantageous to the purchaser, is more beneficial to the general taxpayer.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The recommendation set out in this Report aligns with the strategic priority of Good Government and more specifically to the effective management of the municipal building and land portfolio.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The Parties will be asked to enter into a conditional Agreement of Purchase and Sale with a non-refundable \$1,000.00 deposit to cover initial road closing costs. All costs of the transaction, plus a \$1,500.00 fee to cover the City's staff time expenses will be paid for by the purchaser.

If Council sets the price of the land at the higher of the appraised value or the minimum set price of \$23.00 per linear foot of shoreline road allowance adjacent to a lake, the City will receive a minimum set price of \$23.00 per linear foot of shoreline road allowance adjacent to a lake, the City will receive a minimum net revenue of approximately \$1,840.00, which will be placed in the Property Development Reserve.

Consultations:

Land Management Team

Attachments:

Appendix A – Location Map



Appendix A -
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Appendix B – Map



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Appendix C – Aerial



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