



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: RS2023-004
Meeting Date: January 10, 2023
Title: **Proposed Surplus Declaration, Closure, and Sale of a Portion of Road Allowance adjacent to 55 Coldstream Road, Fenelon Falls**
Description: Proposed Surplus Declaration, Closure, and Sale of a Portion of Road Allowance legally described as Part of Maple Street on Plan 115, in the Geographic Township of Fenelon, City of Kawartha Lakes, designated as Part 1 on Plan 57R-6939, being Part of PIN: 63159-0338 (LT)
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Recommendations:

That Report RS2023-004, **Proposed Surplus Declaration, Closure, and Sale of a Portion of Road Allowance adjacent to 55 Coldstream Road, Fenelon Falls**, be received;

That the subject property, being a portion of road allowance adjacent to 55 Coldstream Road, Fenelon Falls and legally described as Part of Maple Street on Plan 115, in the Geographic Township of Fenelon, City of Kawartha Lakes, designated as Part 1 on Plan 57R-6939, being Part of PIN: 63159-0338 (LT), be declared surplus to municipal needs;

That the sale of the portion of road allowance to the adjoining landowner be supported, in principle, in accordance with the provisions of By-Law 2018-020, as amended, and the Municipal Act, 2001, and subject to the parties entering into a conditional Agreement of Purchase and Sale (including a condition that the subject portion of road allowance merge with the purchaser's adjacent property on closing);

That Council set the value of the land at the higher of the appraised value or the minimum set price of \$15.00 per linear foot of interior road allowance;

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Chief Administrative Officer: _____

That a by-law (with any amendments deemed necessary) to authorize the disposition of the subject property shall be passed, if appropriate;

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

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all documents to facilitate the 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 received a request from the owner of the property municipally known as 55 Coldstream Road, Fenelon Falls to purchase the portion of road allowance that is adjacent to their property.

The Land Management Team reviewed this request at its meeting on September 12, 2022 and had no objections to the request.

Public Notice advertising the potential surplus declaration and sale of the subject portion of shoreline road allowance was completed by newspaper circulation in the Kawartha Lakes This Week on the 8th, 15th, and 22nd days of December, 2022. 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 lands.

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 sale of the requested portion of the road allowance to the adjoining landowner.

Rationale:

The Land Management Team has determined that this portion of the road allowance is not required for municipal purposes. The road allowance has already been stopped up and closed by The Corporation of the Township of Fenelon By-Law 06-93 (registered as Instrument R312824 and attached as Appendix D).

The interested party owns property which borders the subject portion of road allowance. As a result, pursuant to the City's By-Law to Regulate the Disposition of Municipal Real Property (By-Law 2018-020, as amended) that portion of the road allowance can be conveyed to the adjoining landowner.

The subject road allowance does not lead to water, it borders private property, and therefore, the sale would not contravene section 8.00 of By-Law 2018-020, as amended.

The Agreement of Purchase and Sale will specify that the subject portion of road allowance merge with the purchaser's adjacent property upon closing. This will prevent a separately conveyable parcel of land, with no development potential, from being created.

As per section 4.04 of By-Law 2018-020, as amended, an appraisal is not 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 2018-020 is recovered. However, 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 \$15.00 per linear foot of interior road allowance.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council may decide not to sell the 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 shoreline road allowance for the minimum price of \$15.00 per linear foot of interior road allowance. Should Council decide to proceed to dispose of the property using the price of \$15.00 per linear foot, consideration for the subject portion of road allowance is calculated as \$10,098.00. 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 and creates a transaction that, while still advantageous to the purchaser, is more beneficial to the general taxpayer.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The recommendations set out in this Report align with the following strategic priority:

- Good Government
 - Effective management of the municipal building and land portfolio

Financial 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 set the value of the land at the higher of the appraised value or the minimum set price of \$15.00 per linear foot of interior road allowance, the City will receive a

minimum net revenue of \$10,098.00, which will be placed in the Property Development Reserve.

Consultations:

Land Management Team

Attachments:

Appendix A – General Location Map



Appendix A -
General Location Map

Appendix B – Aerial Map



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Appendix C – Map



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Appendix D – Registered Instrument R312824



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Appendix E – Reference Plan 57R-6939



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