



Council Report

Report Number: RS2024-001
Meeting Date: March 19, 2024
Title: Request to Purchase Road Allowance Adjacent to Part of Lot 32, Concession 9, Fenelon
Description: Request to purchase a road allowance adjacent to Part Lot 32, Concession 9, Fenelon.
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Recommendations:

That Report RS2024-001, Request to Purchase Road Allowance Adjacent to Part of Lot 32, Concession 9, Fenelon, be received; and

That James R. Webster's request to purchase the road allowance adjacent to Part Lot 32, Concession 9 for a potential expansion of residential buildings and increased access be denied.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

James R. Webster applied to purchase a road allowance adjacent to Part Lot 32, Concession 9, Fenelon. The Land Management Team (LMT) initially reviewed the request on July 10, 2023, and subsequently denied it, citing the unbroken nature of the road allowance and its potential utility for future connectivity. Following a deputation by Mr. Webster (see Appendix C), Council passed the following resolution:

CR2024-014

Moved By: Mike Perry

Seconded by: Pat Warren

That the deputation of James R. Webster, **regarding a Request to Purchase the Unopened Road Allowance Adjacent to Part Lot 32, Concession 9, Township of Fenelon**, be received; and

That the request to purchase the unopened road allowance adjacent to Part Lot 32, Concession 9, Fenelon, be forwarded to Staff for review and report back by the end of Q2, 2024.

Following the directive above, consultations with Planning and Public Works were completed to assess the implications of the sale on future development and city planning.

Rationale:

The decision to deny the request by the LMT was primarily based on preserving the unbroken nature of the road allowance for future connectivity, aligning with the city's strategic development goals. Public Works emphasized the importance of maintaining an unbroken road allowance when considering the current deficiencies in construction at the dead ends of Hemlock Street and Coldstream Road, which could be rectified via road looping.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could decide to overturn LMT's decision and allow the sale of the road allowance. This would, however, impact the City's ability to rectify the construction deficiencies at the dead ends through further development.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

This report aligns with the 'Good Government' priority, ensuring transparent and accountable decision-making processes.

Consultations:

Land Management Team, Public Works, Planning

Attachments:

Appendix A – Copy of the application and correspondence to James R. Webster



Appendix A -
RS2024-001.pdf

Appendix B – Maps Used by LMT



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Appendix C – James Webster’s Deputation Materials



Appendix C -
Deputation Request

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