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Council Report # 2020-97

Title: Transfer of Courthouse Road from the Town of Cobourg to Northumberland County

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Recommendation

“Whereas Northumberland County owns and operates one long term care facility, the Golden Plough Lodge located at 983 Burnham Street, Cobourg, that is being redeveloped and must be completed and fully operational by December 31, 2022; and,

Whereas the redevelopment includes changes to the transportation network including development of an internal campus road network, which changes the function of the existing Courthouse Road which is under the jurisdiction of the Town of Cobourg; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Courthouse Road be transferred from the Town of Cobourg to Northumberland County in accordance with the attached By-law 2020-43.”

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to upload Courthouse Road from the Town of Cobourg to Northumberland County as part of the Golden Plough Lodge and Northumberland County Archives and Museum Redevelopment Project.

Background

Northumberland County (County) operates one long term care facility, the Golden Plough Lodge (GPL), at 983 Burnham Street, Cobourg. The County has been planning for the redevelopment of the GPL since 2016 and in April 2018, the County retained Salter Pilon Architecture Inc. (Salter Pilon) to provide architectural and engineering services for the redevelopment of the Golden Plough Lodge and Northumberland County Archives and Museum. The GPL redevelopment must be completed and fully operational by December 31, 2022 to comply with funding requirements.

As part of the design exercise, the transportation network was reviewed and it was determined that a campus type road network would be established, which changes the function of the existing Courthouse Road. The proposed network will result in closing the east leg of Courthouse Road as a public road to become part of the internal private campus road network and leaving a portion of the west leg as a public road allowance to provide access to the existing plaza and Church On the Hill.

Consultations

There has been significant consultation with all stakeholders as part of the redevelopment project including meeting individually with stakeholders and drafting and discussion of development support agreements. Specifically, discussions on the upload of Courthouse Road have been on-going since 2017 with the Town of Cobourg and the upload has been agreed to in principal throughout the redevelopment process.

Legislative Authority/Risk Considerations

As an upper tier municipality, the County has the ability to upload a road in accordance with the following section of the Municipal Act:

Section 52 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 provides that an upper-tier municipality may add a lower-tier highway, including a boundary line highway, to its highway system from any of its lower-tier municipalities. 2001, c. 25, s. 52 (1)

The redevelopment requires changes to the existing Courthouse Road and by not proceeding with the upload to the County at this time puts the entire redevelopment project at risk of not being completed by December 31, 2022 as mandated.

Discussion/Options

N/A

Financial Impact

The financial impact to the County for the upload of Courthouse Road is relatively low and includes the transfer for \$1, legal fees and survey work (including the preparation of a Reference Plan). The County has also agreed to maintain the western leg of Courthouse

Road as a public roadway and as such the County will assume the required maintenance and capital expenditures going forward, but these will be minimal given its length.

Modifications to Courthouse Road are included in the cost of the GPL and Northumberland County Archives and Museum redevelopment project.

This report has been reviewed by the Finance Department.

Member Municipality Impacts

The County has been in consultation with the Town of Cobourg throughout the redevelopment process. The upload will result in savings to the Town of Cobourg as the road will be removed from their list of assets and will not require ongoing maintenance and capital expenditures.

Conclusion/Outcomes

Staff recommends that County Council approve the upload of Courthouse Road from the Town of Cobourg to Northumberland County as part of the Golden Plough Lodge and Northumberland County Archives and Museum Redevelopment Project.

Attachments

By-Law 2020-43