



Staff Report

Operations

Report To: Council Meeting
Meeting Date: April 2, 2024
Report Number: CSOPS.24.013
Title: By-Law to Stop Up and Close Beaver Street between Victoria Street and Louisa Street
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.013, entitled "By-law to Stop Up and Close Beaver Street between Victoria Street and Louisa Street";

AND THAT Council enact the By-law to Stop Up and Close a section of Beaver Street and direct Staff to register the By-law in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Grey (#16);

AND THAT Council direct Staff to transfer Part 2 on Plan 16R-11844 to the current owners of the Foodland/LCBO property.

B. Overview

The purpose of this report is to have the By-law to Stop Up and Close a section of Beaver Street enacted and registered in the Land Registry Office.

C. Background

On June 15, 2021, Council received Staff Report [CSOPS.21.044 "Beaver Street Stop Up and Close and Addition of Beaver and Louisa to Thornbury West Phase 1"](#) and directed staff to initiate a public process for the Stop Up and Closure of Beaver Street between Victoria Street and Louisa Street. The Public Meeting was held on July 12, 2021.

On August 24, 2021, Council received Staff Report [CSOPS.21.059 "Follow up to Public Meeting Regarding Stop Up and Close Beaver Street"](#). On September 7, 2021, a resolution of Council included "Council directs Staff to draft a By-law to Stop Up and Close Beaver Street between Victoria Street and Louisa for enactment by Council at a future meeting of Council".

D. Analysis

Reference Plan 16R-11844 was intentionally created with Part 1 and Part 2. The closure of Beaver Street required that the east entrance to the Foodland/LCBO property be relocated and

extended to Victoria Street. The new entrance crosses the portion of Beaver Street that is shown as Part 2 on the Reference Plan. The Town will transfer Part 2 to the property owners of the Foodland/LCBO property.

Part I of Plan 16R-11844 will be stopped up and closed. The abutting lands to this section of Beaver Street are the Foodland/LCBO property and a small triangle at the corner of Victoria Street and Louisa Street. Both property owners have been contacted and neither expressed interest in this section of Beaver Street. The closed section of Beaver Street will be used as a staging area for the reconstruction of Thornbury West Phase 1B. Following the construction staff have proposed to transplant trees from the Town's nursery that are reaching a size that they are almost too large to transplant with the largest spades available and may have to be destroyed to create room for new trees in the nursery.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

The closed section of Beaver Street between Louisa Street and the new entrance to the Foodland/LCBO property can have mature trees from the Town's nursery transplanted to enhance the urban canopy. The trees can be transplanted following the reconstruction of Thornbury West Phase 1B in 2024. This road section has been useful as a staging area for the Phase 1A work and the facility will be needed for the Phase 1B work.

G. Financial Impacts

There will be a small cost for the legal work to transfer the land, which will be funded through the capital project.

As staff continue to work through the Thornbury West capital improvement project a better understanding will be gained if there is any remaining budget that could be used to move the trees from the Town nursery to this location. Staff will bring forward a future report outlining a cost estimate and budget if available for Council consideration.

H. In Consultation With

Sam Dinsmore, Acting Director of Finance/Treasurer

Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and Drainage

Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services.

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or Public Information Centre which took place on July 12, 2021. Those who provided comments at the Public Meeting and/or Public Information Centre, including anyone who has asked to receive notice regarding this matter, has been provided notice of this Staff Report. Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Michael Campbell, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator cc@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Reference Plan 16R-11844
2. Site Plan of Beaver Street
3. Draft By-Law to Stop Up and Close Portion of Beaver Street
4. Council Resolution dated November 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attachment 1 Reference Plan 16R-11844.pdf- Attachment 2 Site Plan of Beaver Street.pdf- Attachment 3 Draft By-Law to Stop Up and Close Portion of Beaver Street.pdf- Attachment 4 Council Resolution dated November 20, 2023.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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