



Subject: Sale of 133 Durham Street

To: Council

From: Chief Administrative Office

Report Number: 2021-28

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021

Recommendation:

That the City enters into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Glyn Holmes in Trust for \$65,000;

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign and execute any and all documents respecting the sale of these lands; and

That a by-law to authorize entering into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Glyn Holmes in Trust for \$65,000, be brought forward.

Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to obtain Council's approval to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Glyn Holmes in Trust for the City owned lot located at 133 Durham Street.

Background:

Staff initiated a City Real Estate project in the fall of 2020 focused on identifying municipally owned property that could be declared surplus and marketed for residential, commercial, or industrial development.

The goal of the project is to attract investment and new residents to Port Colborne; have vacant properties redeveloped and revitalized; facilitate public-private partnerships to create more affordable housing units; expand the municipal tax base to maintain core programs and services; and maximize the value of City properties while achieving social, economic, and environmental benefits.

Phase 1 of this project, which included one commercial lot and five residential lots, was rolled out on Monday November 23rd, 2020 with a news release, property information added to our website, and listing information posted to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) by the City's real estate agent from Royal LePage. The six surplus properties were reviewed by City departments and the sale process complies with Council's Sale and Disposition of Land By-law. Council declared these properties surplus at their October 26 closed session meeting.

Discussion:

133 Durham was listed for \$64,900. At their January 11, 2021 meeting, Council considered six offers on the property as part of report 2021-18 and accepted an offer from Glyn Holmes in Trust for \$65,000. The Schedule that forms part of the final Agreement of Purchase and Sale includes conditions that construction must begin within two years and, if not, the City has the ability to re-acquire the property through a Right to Reconveyance Agreement that is registered on title. This property is scheduled to close on February 11, 2021.

Financial Implications:

The proposed selling price of the property is \$65,000. After the 4.5% real estate commission is deducted, the City will net approximately \$62,075. As per the Council approved Capital Asset Policy, these proceeds will go to the general Capital Asset Reserve.

Conclusion:

133 Durham Street has been listed for sale as part of Phase 1 of the City Real Estate project. Staff are recommending that the City enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Glyn Holmes in Trust and that this agreement be adopted by by-law.

Appendices:

- a. Offer to Purchase from Glyn Holmes in Trust
- b. Draft By-law for Sale of 133 Durham Street

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final approval is by the Chief Administrative Officer.