



Subject: Road Ends Study

To: Council

From: Public Works Department

Report Number: 2021-291

Meeting Date: November 8, 2021

Recommendation:

That Public Works Services Department Report 2021-291 be received;

That Sierra Planning and Management be directed to conduct a Public Open House meeting by mid December to solicit public feedback on the Draft Road Ends Study Report; and

That Sierra Planning and Management be directed to report back to Council in first half of Q1, 2022 with relevant comments incorporated into the Draft Road Ends Report, for Council's consideration.

Purpose:

This Report provides Council with an update on the Road Ends Study and future work to be conducted to conclude the project.

Background:

Sierra Planning and Management was selected to study the Road Ends of the City of Port Colborne North/South roads that terminate at Lake Erie. Consideration of use, ownership, access, parking, and social acceptance have been solicited, analyzed and options are now being offered within a presentation to Council this evening.

Discussion:

Sierra Planning and Management will be presenting a slide show on Road Ends Study work to date and current findings. Council is welcome to provide comment during the

meeting and/or, through email and/or during the Public Open House recommended to be scheduled in November or December 2021.

Internal Consultations:

The Draft Road Ends Study and accompanying presentation will be circulated to appropriate Public Works, Fire, Economic Development and Clerks Departments along with the CAO's office for comments.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this Report or presentation. Further financial implication analysis will be conducted for any recommendations through the Draft Road Ends Study and be presented within the Report to Council

Public Engagement:

Mailings and notifications about the Road Ends Study were conducted in spring 2021. As part of this Report, a Public Open House to solicit public feedback is recommended. If approved, this meeting will be conducted within the next 3-6 weeks.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillar(s) of the strategic plan:

- Service and Simplicity - Quality and Innovative Delivery of Customer Services
 - Attracting Business Investment and Tourists to Port Colborne
 - City-Wide Investments in Infrastructure and Recreational/Cultural Spaces
 - Governance: Communications, Engagement, and Decision-Making
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Conclusion:

As requested by Council, a Road Ends Study for North/South City owned roads terminating at Lake Erie is being conducted. Sierra Planning and Management will be presenting options to Council and recommending further public outreach through a Public Open House to be conducted by the end of the year. After which the revised Study and Report will be brought back to Council early in 2022 with results for consideration.

Appendices:

- a. Presentation by Sierra Planning and Management

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 review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.