



Subject: Final Road Ends Report
To: Council
From: Public Works Department

Report Number: 2022-99

Meeting Date: May 16, 2022

Recommendation:

That Corporate Services Department Report 2022-99 be received; and

That Sierra Planning and Management - Review of Road Allowances as Informal Beach Accesses (Road Ends Report), be received for information; and

That staff report back to Council on specific implementation plans from the recommendations within the Road Ends Report and/or bring forward Capital Projects for approval through future capital budget requests.

Purpose:

This report provides Council with the finalized Road Ends Report and recommendations for future work to be conducted to update and upgrade the municipal road ends that terminate at Lake Erie.

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 recommendations are being presented to Council this evening through this final Road Ends Report.

Discussion:

Sierra Planning and Management will be presenting the final Road Ends Report in combination with this Staff Report. Within the recommendations, there are several actionable items that will come back to Council for further approval in the future, through either a separate report to Council or within the Capital Budget deliberations.

Internal Consultations:

Previous drafts of the Road Ends Report and accompanying presentation were circulated to appropriate staff in the Public Works, Fire, Economic Development and Clerks Departments along with the Chief Administrative Officer's office for comments.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this Council Report. Further financial analysis will be conducted for any recommendations included in the Road Ends Report and will be brought forward, within a future Report to Council and/or Capital Budget Deliberations.

Public Engagement:

The following have been different touchpoints of public engagement throughout the lifespan of preparing the Road Ends Report:

- December 2020 to February 2021: Online Survey of (a) property owners within a defined zone surrounding the road allowances under study; and (b) any other interested person.
- October – December 2020: Interviews with commercial property owners at or near the ends of the road allowances and Interested Stakeholders: Kitesurfing group; Port Colborne Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.).
- Council Presentations: January 11, 2021; April 26, 2021; and December 20th, 2021.
- Public Meeting: to discuss concerns, process, emerging consultant recommendations (December 14, 2021).
- Online Public Feedback: requested up to a receipt deadline of January 9, 2022.
- Draft Report published on City's website for additional public review and comment (February 2022).
- Final Report published on City's website for additional public review (April 26, 2022)
- Social media and print publications were also conducted throughout the lifespan of the process.

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 Report for north/south City owned roads, terminating at Lake Erie has been conducted. Sierra Planning and Management is submitting the final Road Ends Report to Council tonight. Staff will review, analyze, estimate costs and timing, logistics and feasibility of those recommendations and report back to Council in the future, with more detailed plans for implementation of appropriate recommendations.

Appendices:

- a. Review of Road Allowances as Informal Beach Accesses (Road Ends Report)

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.