



Subject: Haney Street Road Allowance – Stop Up and Close By-law and Surplus Declaration

To: Council

From: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Report Number: 2022-186

Meeting Date: August 23, 2022

Recommendation:

That Chief Administrative Officer - Economic Development and Tourism Division Report 2022-186 be received; and

That the Stop Up and Close By-law, being a By-law to stop up and close the Haney Street Road Allowance, legally described as Haney St. PI 765 Humberstone Lying East Of King St. Except VH2791 PIN 64149-0024 be approved; and

That the Haney Street Road Allowance, legally described as Haney St. PI 765 Humberstone Lying East of King St. Except VH2791 be declared surplus.

Purpose:

This report is seeking Council approval for a Stop-up and Close By-law for the Haney Street Road Allowance, legally described as Haney St. PI 765 Humberstone Lying East Of King St. Except VH2791 PIN 64149-0024. Staff are also recommending that the parcel be declared surplus. The Haney Street Road Allowance is shown in Appendix A.

Background:

The Economic Development and Tourism Services Division has undertaken a review of City-owned property to identify potential surplus lands that could be made available to support development opportunities and expand the City's tax base. The Haney Street Road Allowance shown in Appendix A, is not required for future road and transportation purposes. The first step in this process would be a Stop Up and Close By-law.

Discussion:

The road allowance is not generating any tax revenue for the City.

Closing the road allowance would help to facilitate the development of adjoining lands and create more housing units. Staff are also recommending that the road allowance and the City owned vacant parcel shown on Appendix A be declared surplus.

Staff are working with a not-for-profit organization on a potential partnership to create more affordable housing units. A report with more details will be brought forward at the September 13th Council meeting.

Internal Consultations:

The Haney Street Road Allowance is surplus to the City's needs based on input from the City departments and has no current value to the City.

Public Works has indicated that there is no operational or transportation need for retaining the road allowance.

Financial Implications:

It is estimated that the public notice costs for advertisement will be \$2080 and will be funded from the Economic Development Land Reserve.

Public Engagement:

A public notice, along with a property map, was placed in Niagara This Week/Port Colborne Leader, July 28, 2022, and the subsequent three weeks (August 4th, August 11th, and August 18th). This notice was also posted on the City's website under Public Notices and News starting July 28, 2022.

No public comments have been received through the Clerk's Department since the notices were posted.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillars of the strategic plan:

- Attracting Business Investment and Tourists to Port Colborne
- Value: Financial Management to Achieve Financial Sustainability
- Governance: Communication, Engagement, and Decision-making

Conclusion:

The Economic Development and Tourism Services Division has undertaken a review of City-owned property to identify potential surplus lands and maximize the value of City Real Estate.

The Haney Street Road Allowance has been identified by staff as surplus land that could be made available to support development opportunities. As a first step it is recommended that the Stop Up and Close By-law be approved and the property be declared as surplus.

Appendices:

- a. Map of Haney Street Road Allowance
- b. Stop-up and Close By-law

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.