

Request for Council Decision

District of Lake Country

MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2023
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DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services

ITEM TITLE: Road Closure Bylaw 1194, 2023

DESCRIPTION: A Bylaw to close an unbuilt portion of Whiskey Cove Road

QUESTION

Does Council support the closing of the unbuilt portion of Whiskey Cove Road adjacent to the property located at 15892 Carr's Landing Road, as shown on Plan EPP124539 and removing its highway dedication for the purpose of selling the land to be consolidated with the adjacent property owners' parcel?

OPTIONS

- A. THAT Road Closure Bylaw (15892 Carr's Landing Road) 1194, 2023 be read a first, second, and third time;
- B. THAT Road Closure Bylaw (15892 Carr's Landing Road) 1194, 2023 be amended as directed by Council; AND THAT Road Closure Bylaw (15892 Carr's Landing Road) 1194, 2023 be read a first and second time as amended.
- C. THAT Road Closure Bylaw (15892 Carr's Landing Road) 1194, 2023 not be read and the file closed.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff have negotiated an agreement of purchase and sale with the owners of 15892 Carr's Landing Road for a portion of unbuilt road located adjacent to their property. The *Community Charter* authorizes municipalities to close a road and remove its highway dedication (the right of the province to redeem the road) by way of bylaw and dispose of such land. After third reading, staff are required to advertise the terms of the proposed sale in the Lake Country Calendar and provide an opportunity for those affected persons to make their views known to Council prior to adoption. If Council adopts the Bylaw the sale will proceed.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The owners of 15892 Carr's Landing Road approached the District to inquire if the District would consider selling a portion of unbuilt road located next to their property so that it could be combined into a single parcel. Staff support the disposal of the area of unbuilt road to the adjacent property owners. Staff met with the landowners in August 2022 to negotiate the terms.



DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The District has ownership of unbuilt roads and portions of parcels that are not required to support District uses. These lands have value that can be realized when combined with existing parcels. The proposal from the owners of 15892 Carr's Landing Road illustrates the potential for the District to capitalize its excess land.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND POLICIES

Section 40 of the *Community Charter* allows Council, by bylaw, to close all or part of a highway that is vested in the municipality. Section 26 of the *Community Charter* requires notice of disposition to include a description of the land or improvements, the nature and, if applicable, the term of the proposed disposition; the person acquiring the property and the consideration to be received for the disposition.

KEY INFORMATION

The purchase price offered is \$250,000.00 which represents market value as determined by a comparison of recent sales and the residual land value as evidenced by these sales. The funds from the sale will go to the District's Land Reserve which currently has a balance of \$10,843.00.

DESIRED BENEFIT

The District owns roads and portions of parcels that will never be developed due to local conditions. These lands, if sold to property owners that can derive the underlying value from ownership, may fund the acquisition of parcels desired by the community.

IMPACT ON INFRASTRUCTURE OR MUNICIPAL SERVICES

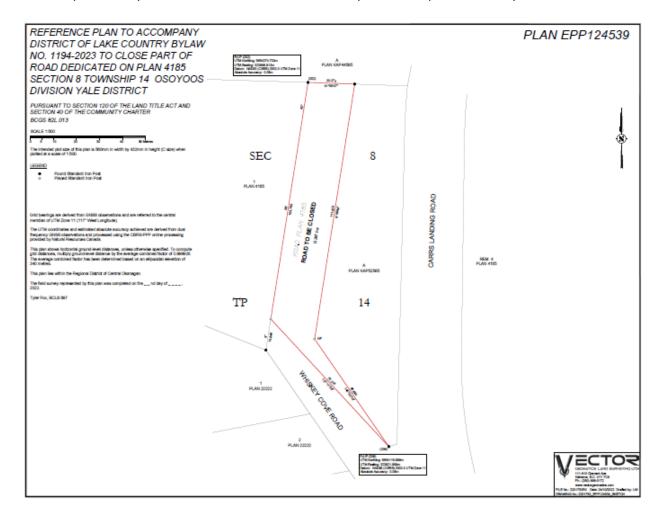
There is no impact on infrastructure or municipal services as no additional development that would require infrastructure or services is anticipated.

IMPACT ON STAFF CAPACITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

This disposal removes the maintenance required for the subject land and improves the District's financial position.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The proposed terms of sale will be advertised in the Lake Country Calendar, as required by legislation, so that affected parties may make their views known to Council prior to adoption of this Bylaw.



Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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