

To: Warden and Members of County Council

From: Director of Public Works

County Road 8, Blandford-Blenheim Road Allowance Closure

RECOMMENDATION

1. That County Council enact a by-law to remove the property legally described as Part 3 & 4 on Plan 41R-9960 from the County Road 8 road allowance.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- A public meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021 at the County Council meeting where Council will consider the adoption of a by-law to close part of the road allowance on County Road 8.
- The road allowance is part of a property which has been declared surplus following the enactment of By-law No. 6133-2019, and has terms agreed upon to be sold to the adjacent landowner.

Implementation Points

Following the by-law enactment, in accordance with the County's *Public Notice Policy* (Policy No. 6.13), staff will proceed to register a certified copy of the by-law on the title of the subject property as well as any affected abutting lands. Staff will then proceed with the sale of the property.







Financial Impact

By closing this road allowance, staff can proceed with selling the surplus property to the adjacent land owner with the net funds being placed in the Housing Reserve as per the *Housing First Policy*.

Communications

A public meeting is scheduled for the Wednesday, March 10, 2021 County Council meeting where Council will consider the adoption of a by-law to close the road allowance shown in Attachment 1. The public notice shown in Attachment 2 was advertised in the *Oxford Review* and was posted on the Oxford County website on February 24, 2021. Notice was also given to the adjacent landowners.

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DISCUSSION

Background

As part of the Surplus Property Monetization Project, County staff have been working towards selling property which has previously been declared surplus through By-law No. 6133-2019. As shown in Attachment 3 – Reference Plan 41R-9960, Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the plan are to be sold to an adjacent land owner. Parts 3 and 4 shown in Attachment 3 are currently designated as a road allowance.

Comments

In order for staff to be able to proceed with the sale of Parts 3 and 4 to the adjacent land owner, these parts need to be removed from the road allowance. A public meeting is scheduled for the Wednesday, March 10, 2021 County Council meeting where Council will consider the adoption of a by-law to close these parts of the road allowance as shown in Attachment 1.

Previously, County Road 8 included Parts 3 and 4 of Plan 41R-9960; however, it has since been reconstructed to the existing road design which does not require Parts 3 and 4. Noted in Attachment 3 is the approximate old road location and road bed material removal. Parts 3 and 4 of Plan 41R-9960 can be removed from the County Road 8 road allowance as the parts are not required for the existing road design and have had all road elements removed from the property.

Conclusions

The by-law enactment to close part of the road allowance at County Road 8 will allow County Staff to proceed with the sale of surplus property to the adjacent landowner.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: County Rd 8 Road Allowance Closure Map, February 10, 2021
Attachment 2: County Rd 8 Road Allowance Public Notice, February 10, 2021
Attachment 3: Registered Plan 41R-9960, January 31, 2020