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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Works Committee

From: Commissioner of Works

Report: #2023-W-14 Date: April 5, 2023

Subject:

Declaration of Lands as Surplus and Approval to Convey the Surplus Lands to the Adjacent Landowner

Recommendations:

That Works Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That a portion of property municipally known as 2432 Taunton Road in the Municipality of Clarington, legally described as Part of Lot 15, Concession 5, further described as Part 1 on Registered Plan 40R-31518 be declared surplus to Regional Municipality of Durham requirements;
- B) That the Regional Municipality of Durham be authorized to transfer the lands legally described as Part of Lot 15, Concession 5 further described as Part 1 on Registered Plan 40R-31518 and having an estimated value of \$4,400, to the adjacent property owners, Donald and Marjorie Hutton, of 2440 Taunton Road for nominal consideration; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Works be authorized to execute all documents associated with this land transfer.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to declare lands owned by the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) surplus to the Region's requirements and to authorize staff

- to transfer the said lands to the adjacent property owners, Donald and Marjorie Hutton of 2440 Taunton Road, in the Municipality of Clarington (Clarington).
- 1.2 The proposed transfer forms part of the compensation package for lands required from 2440 Taunton Road to facilitate the road rehabilitation on Regional Roads 4 (Taunton Road) and 57 (Bowmanville Avenue), in Clarington.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Taunton Road/Bowmanville Avenue intersection reconstruction project will provide improvements to the intersection to address the anticipated future population growth and increased traffic volumes. The improvements will include replacing the current intersection with a two-lane roundabout and replacing the bridge on Taunton Road, west of the intersection, due to the need to widen the road from two lanes to four lanes at the bridge location. Property was required from both 2432 Taunton Road and 2440 Taunton Road to facilitate the abovenoted project.
- 2.2 The property municipally known as 2440 Taunton Road is part of a 28.62 acre (115,823.9 square metre (sq. m)) rural residential/agricultural property, improved with an updated century detached single-family dwelling and outbuildings. The property abuts Bowmanville Creek on the east side. The existing entrance to Taunton Road from this property is substandard due to its proximity to the creek. It does not meet current safety standards and cannot be remediated. Due to the location of the driveway at 2440 Taunton Road, there is not enough land to allow for the construction of the proposed wrap-around guide rail along the bridge required to improve safety. Therefore, the entire Taunton Road frontage of the property consisting of 71.9 sq. m. described as Part 1 on 40R-31450, including the existing driveway, is required by the Region for the project, leaving the property owners with no access to Taunton Road. An amicable agreement has been reached with the property owners to acquire the said property with the Region agreeing to provide a new entrance to the property from Taunton Road.
- 2.3 The property located at 2432 Taunton Road is part of a 3.97-acre (16,058.99 sq. m.) rural residential/agricultural property improved with a detached residence and a barn. The barn, originally located in the southeast corner of the property and within the Region's right of way (ROW), has been relocated to a new location on the property. The cost for the relocation was shared equally between the owner and the Region. The Region acquired 122.6 sq. m of the property; 52.2 sq. m. parcel (Part 2 on 40R-31518) for the road works and 70.4 sq. m. parcel (Part 1 on 40R-31518) to facilitate the construction of the new driveway for the adjacent property at 2440 Taunton. The owners of 2432 Taunton Road

- are aware that a portion of the lands purchased from them will be transferred to the neighbouring property owners at 2440 Taunton Road to accommodate the new driveway.
- 2.4 Amicable agreements for the purchase of both properties have been reached with the owners of the respective properties and the land transfers to the Region have been completed.
- 2.5 The next step is for the Region to transfer 70.4 sq. m. of the property acquired from 2432 Taunton Road, described as Part 1 on 40R-31450, to the property owners of 2440 Taunton Road. This transfer will rectify the issues with the driveway resulting from the Region's land acquisition and reinstate access to Taunton Road in a safe, permanent, and standardized manner. This land transfer is the only feasible option to provide the additional frontage necessary to construct the new access at 2440 Taunton Road.

3. Property Disposition

- 3.1 Regional By-law #52-95 established the procedures governing the sale of real property. Section 6 of the By-law states that where, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Works or a designate, a parcel of real property that is proposed to be sold has no general demand or market having regard to its size, location or nature, staff are authorized to negotiate directly with potential purchasers of the lands. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the By-law are waived in these circumstances.
- 3.2 The land proposed for transfer to the owners of 2440 Taunton Road is a small triangular parcel that will be landlocked until the project work is completed and the frontage along Taunton Road is declared a right of way. No other party would have an interest in this parcel.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 An internal valuation has been completed by an appraiser accredited by the Appraisal Institute of Canada which determined a fair market value for the lands to be transferred of \$4,400. As the land transfer is required to reinstate access for 2440 Taunton Road due to the Region's acquisition, the transfer will be for a nominal sum.
- 4.2 Costs associated with the completion of this transaction will be funded from the approved project budget (Project ID: R1906).

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 Regional staff recommends that the lands known as Part 1 on 40R-31518 within this report be declared surplus to Regional needs, and that they be conveyed to the adjacent landowner, Donald and Marjorie Hutton, for the reasons presented in this report.
- 5.2 This report has been reviewed by Legal Services Office of the CAO.
- 5.3 For additional information, please contact Jenni Demanuele, Director, Corporate Infrastructure and Strategic Business Services, at 905-668-7711 extension 3456.

6. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Map – 2432 Taunton Road

Attachment #2: Registered Plan 40R-31518

Attachment #3: Registered Plan 40R-31450

Respectfully submitted,

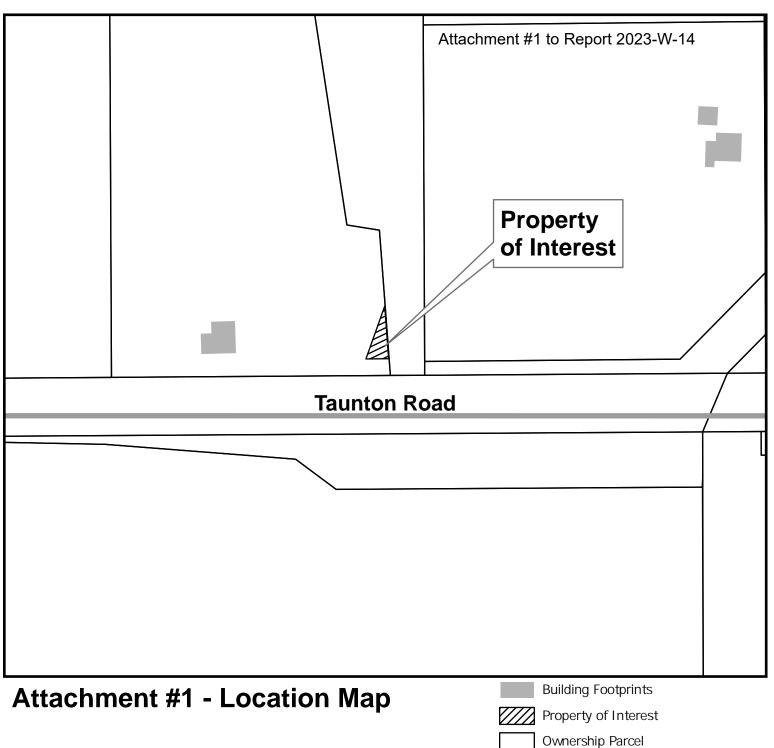
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John Presta, P.Eng., MBA. Commissioner of Works

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by:

Elaine Baxter-Trahair Chief Administrative Officer



2432 Taunton Road **Town of Bowmanville Municipality of Clarington**



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