Municipality of East Ferris

Report to Council

Report No.: PLAN-2021-10 Date: May 25, 2021

Originator: Greg Kirton, Manager of Planning and Economic Development

Subject: Road Allowance Purchase Request – Joyce Effinger

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Municipality of East Ferris does not deem the road allowance surplus and does not close the road allowance or sell the subject lands.

BACKGROUND

A request was received from Joyce Effinger, owner of 420 Nosbonsing Park Road, requesting to close up and purchase a section of road allowance that is adjacent to her property as well as next to Nosbonsing Park Road. A key map can be found on Schedule A and a detailed map on Schedule B of this report.

Section 8.2.3 of the East Ferris Official Plan states that we will generally maintain control over unopened road allowances, especially if there may be a need for municipal operations to make use of the road allowance in the future. Through the review of this request, feedback was provided by the Fire Chief and Director of Public Works and both had concerns with the request.

The primary concern is that the Fire Department has used this location to draw water from the lake in the past and may need to utilize this location again in the future. For this reason alone, it would be in the municipality's best interest to maintain ownership of this portion of unopened road allowance.

OPTIONS

1. Option 1

That the Municipality of East Ferris does not deem the road allowance surplus and does not close the road allowance or sell the subject lands.

2. Option 2

That the Municipality of East Ferris deems the road allowance surplus allowing an application to be made to purchase the section of unopened road allowance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The sale of the road allowance would generate some additional revenue for the municipality, but staff does not consider the additional revenue, which would be relatively minimal, to be worth losing ownership of this portion of road allowance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that that the Municipality of East Ferris does not deem the road allowance surplus and does not close the road allowance or sell the subject lands.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Kirton

Manager of Planning and Economic Development

I concur with this report, and recommendation

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Schedule A



Schedule B

