
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report LSS-10-2023 Road Closure – Part of County Road 9, York For Consideration by Council in Committee on May 23, 2023



OBJECTIVE:

To authorize the stop up and closure of part of County Road 9 in York.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report LSS-10-2023 Road Closure – Part of County Road 9, York be received;
2. AND THAT the subject road allowance, as shown in yellow on Attachment #1 to Report LSS-10-2023 and legally described as Part of PIN 38174-0171 (LT), Firstly: Part Tiffany Block (Block B) Oneida; Part Robert Anderson Block Oneida; Part Lot 57 Concession 5 & 6 Oneida as in HC59804 & HC222302 Except Mineral Rights Only in HC226640; Secondly Part Tiffany Block (Block B) Oneida as in HC33647 (Schedule A & B), Part Tiffany Block (Block B) Forced Road being County Road 9 Between Grand River & River Road; Haldimand County, be stopped up and closed;
3. AND THAT public notice of the proposed closure be given;
4. AND THAT a by-law be passed to authorize the closure;
5. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

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Approved: Cathy Case, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff are requesting to close part of the road, legally identified as Part of County Road 9, but more commonly known as part of River Road, or the Tiffany Block, in York. As part of the Council approved 2023 Capital Budget, this portion of gravel road will be converted into a parkette that includes parking. In order to do so, the road needs to be formally closed by by-law and registered with the Land Registry Office.

BACKGROUND:

The closure of the road referenced above and as identified in Attachment 1 (yellow hashmarks) is part of the Council Approved Capital Project 381095 - River Road at Haldimand Road 9 – Conversion to Parkette. The intersection of River Road at Haldimand Road 9 includes a redundant gravel section of road that is being decommissioned to improve safety and traffic operations at the intersection. By closing this road by by-law, O. Reg. 239/02 Minimum Maintenance Standards will no longer apply as legally, it will no longer be a road. The lands will be converted to a parkette which will be open for public parking enabling access to the river, hiking and cycling trails. There are no plans to include any fixtures or picnic tables at this time.

In addition to the road closing, as noted in pink hashmarks on Attachment 1, approximately 4.5 metres of road widening will be required on the west side of the Tiffany Block to maintain a consistent road allowance with the rest of River Road. As permitted by By-law 1515/15, the Manager, Engineering, and the Manager, Legal & Support Services, jointly have authority to acquire lands for road widenings subject to specified conditions being met including that a subsequent by-law be presented to Council to formally authorize the road dedication. In this case, the property to be acquired for the road widening is already in County ownership, however a by-law is still required for road dedication which will be presented at a subsequent Council meeting.

ANALYSIS:

Upon receipt of such request, staff circulated notice to County divisions: Public Works Operations; Facilities, Parks, Cemeteries & Forestry Operations; Building & Municipal Enforcement Services; Community Development & Partnerships; Economic Development & Tourism; Emergency Services; Engineering Services; Environmental Operations; Planning & Development; as well as the necessary utility companies.

Economic Development & Tourism had no concerns or objections, but will need to be included if there is a discussion with regards to cycling infrastructure in the future.

The Building & Municipal Enforcement Services division had no objections to the road closure, but did note that the south road shoulder is narrow on Haldimand Road 9 from the easterly edge of the Tiffany Block to the bridge.

Engineering Services confirmed that the width of the gravel shoulder from the edge of pavement to the guide rail is 2.3 metres at the narrowest which complies with AODA regulations. The sidewalk along the east side of the bridge is 1.5 metres wide which meets AODA Standards, however no ramps exist and therefore this existing condition would not meet AODA compliance. Engineering has agreed to put in an accessible parking spot in the newly created parking area as it is required by AODA Standards, and will update records to indicate that during the next York bridge rehabilitation project, that an AODA ramp be installed for ease of access. The above information was vetted and confirmed as correct with the Haldimand County Accessibility Coordinator.

Historically, grass cutting in the Tiffany Block has been coordinated between the Facilities, Parks, Cemeteries & Forestry Operations, and the gravel road was maintained by Roads Operations. Coordinated maintenance efforts will continue. The parking area will be constructed by blending gravel from the existing site along with excess millings from the 2023 Highway 54 Reconstruction Project. It is anticipated that there will be no additional operational impacts in the conversion of the gravel road to parkette/parking lot.

As the 2023 Highway 54 Reconstruction Project has initiated, the subject road is currently being used as a staging area for the construction equipment. The conversion to a parkette/parking lot will be completed by end of summer 2023.

There were no other comments or concerns from all other utilities and divisions.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

As mentioned previously, this road closure is necessary for the completion of project 381095 - River Road at Haldimand Road 9 – Conversion to Parkette, which was approved as part of the 2023 Tax-Supported Operating Budget.

In accordance with the County's Notification Policy, a proposed road closure is to be advertised prior to consideration of a by-law. Once the by-law is approved by Council, it will be registered at the Land Registry Office to enact the road closure.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: Yes

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

REFERENCES:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Map of the Subject Lands.