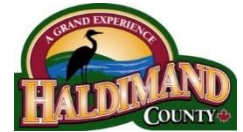

HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report CS-SS-01-2018 Road Closure of Part of Seneca Street and Part of Cayuga Street, Cayuga



For Consideration by Council in Committee on January 16, 2018

OBJECTIVE:

To close Part of Seneca Street and Part of Cayuga Street, Plan of the Village of Cayuga, due to existence of a parkette and to accommodate plans for the development of the new Cayuga library.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CS-SS-01-2018 Road Closure of Part of Seneca Street and Part of Cayuga Street, Cayuga be received;
2. AND THAT Part of PIN # 38228-0086(LT), being Part of Seneca Street, Plan of the Village of Cayuga, now Haldimand County, and Part of PIN # 38228-0148(LT), being Part of Cayuga Street, Plan of the Village of Cayuga, now Haldimand County, identified on Attachment #1 to Report CS-SS-01-2018 be closed;
3. AND THAT easements over the subject road be given to Union Gas and Hydro One for existing infrastructure;
4. AND THAT public notice of the proposed closures be published for one week in the local newspaper;
5. AND THAT a By-law be passed to authorize the closures;
6. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The existing parkette that is located at the corner of Seneca Street and Talbot Street is situated within the road allowance forming a part of Seneca Street and Cayuga Street, in Cayuga. In order for these lands to not legally be classified as a road, the formal closure of part of Seneca Street and Cayuga Street in Cayuga is required. In addition, some of these lands may be utilized for the new Cayuga library on the adjacent parcel. It is, therefore, recommended that the subject lands be closed, ownership be retained by the County and easements be given to Union Gas and Hydro One for existing infrastructure.

BACKGROUND:

Following Council approval of the construction of a new library in Cayuga, through Report CMS-GM-02-2016, staff discovered that the subject lands, which abut the location for the new development, are an open road allowance which is required to be closed. A location map of the subject property is

included as Attachment #1. The subject lands currently consist of a small parkette with benches, landscaping and parking. When the parkette was created, that portion of Seneca Street was not formally closed.

ANALYSIS:

The design plan for the new Cayuga library currently incorporates the subject lands as part of the larger development. In reviewing the plans for the new development, it was discovered that the existing parkette sits within an open road allowance which was not formally closed at the time it was created. For this reason, a portion of the road known as Seneca Street and Cayuga Street, in Cayuga, is required to be closed, yet will remain in ownership of the municipality.

In order to determine the feasibility of closure of the subject road, staff circulated a "Road Closure Inquiry Form" to Hydro One, Union Gas, Bell Canada, Shaw Cable and the following Haldimand County Divisions: Building Controls & By-Law Enforcement, Community Development & Partnerships, Economic Development & Tourism, Emergency Services, Engineering Services, Environmental Services, Facilities & Parks Operations, Planning & Development, and Roads Operations. All comments received supported the closure with Hydro One and Union Gas indicating that they require easements for existing infrastructure. There is also wastewater infrastructure located within the subject lands that will need to be maintained, but no easement is required as the County is retaining ownership of the lands.

For the reasons outlined above, staff recommend closing a portion of Seneca Street and Cayuga Street in Cayuga, with easements being given to Hydro One and Union Gas for existing infrastructure.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

In accordance with the County's Notification Policy, a proposed road closure is to be advertised in the local newspaper prior to consideration of a by-law. The road closure by-law will be registered on title to the lands, costs of which are estimated at \$100, funded from the Capital Budget for the new Cayuga Library Development Project.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Staff from Community Development & Partnerships, Planning & Development and Roads Operations staff have been consulted and support the road closure of the subject lands.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: Yes

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Map of the Subject Lands