Douro-Dummer

Report to Council

Re: Seventh Line Road South Dummer Road Allowance - Clerk's Office-2024-24 From: Martina Chait-Hartwig Date: November 19, 2024

Recommendation:

That the Clerk's Office-2024-24 report, November 19, 2024, regarding a request to improve and use the Seventh Line Road South Dummer Road Allowance be received and that staff be instructed to proceed with the public circulation of the request and bring back comments for Council's review as per Policy No. 18.

Overview:

Staff have received the attached request to improve and allow for the use of the unopened Seventh Line South Dummer road allowance from Mr. Duguay on behalf of his client Mr. Lobb. In the past the family has requested permission from Council to trim trees in the road allowance to enable farm equipment to access various farm fields, which has been granted.

Attached a copy of a GIS map which shows the section (in purple) of the road allowance which they wish to work on to provide access to their property.

A copy of Policy No. 18 regarding improvements on unopened road allowances is attached to this report.

As per the policy, Manager of Public Works, Jake Condon has inspected the road allowance and has provided the required standards for the road that is proposed if approved- this is attached as well.

Staff and Mr. Duguay have reviewed the processes contained within the Policy for improving and opening road allowances.

According to the policy, the next step in this process is to notify all adjacent land owners of the request received and request their comments. The Conservation Authority and other municipal stakeholders will also be circulated on this request.

If this process results in Council approval, the Township will enter into an agreement with Mr. Lobb outlining that road maintenance and snow clearing will not be provided by the Township.

Conclusion:

With Council's approval, staff are ready to move forward with the circulation of the request and solicit comments from the adjoining landowners.

Financial Impact:

At this time the impact is staff time to prepare and circulate the required notice to the adjacent landowners and stakeholder. If the process progresses, the applicant will be responsible for all costs including surveying, the cost of the road upgrades and any legal agreements.



Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Request for Permission for Improvement to Unopened Road Allowance - Lobb.docx
Attachments:	 Policy No. 18 - Improvement and Opening of Road Allowances.pdf KMD MEMO Martina Chait-Hartwig - 7th Line Rd S, October 17, 2024.doc Township of Douro-Dummer - XS-20m OVERHEAD road standard.PDF
Final Approval Date:	Nov 14, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

No Signature found

Jake Condon

Todd Davis

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- 7. All costs of surveying, brushing, road construction, etc, associated with the road allowance improvement and/or opening shall be borne by the applicant.
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- 9. Any damages to adjoining landowners property or fences shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
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Memo

- To: Martina Chait-Hartwig, Clerk Township of Douro-Dummer
- From: Kevin M. Duguay MCIP, RPP
- Date: October 18, 2024
- Re: David Lobb, Interest in the Utilization of an Unopened Township Road Allowance East Half of Lot, Concession 6 (KMD File 2024-57)

This memorandum serves as an official request being made on behalf of Mr. David Lobb, regarding his interest in the ongoing use of a portion of Unopened Township Road Allowance.



The Property and the Unopened Road Allowance

(Source: County of Peterborough Website, October 2024)

The interest, if realized would not necessarily mean the formal opening of the concerned road allowance. Rather, my Client is interested in either a lease agreement of license respecting his continued use/enjoyment of the unopened road allowance.

If however, neither of these options are deemed feasible, then the option of a formal opening of the road allowance could be contemplated.

It is my understanding that the Lobb family has assumed responsibility for the upkeep of this parcel of land. Mr. Lobb's willing to enter into a formal agreement addressing this responsibility which would be in keeping with Township Policy No. 18, clauses 9 to 11 respectively.

I understand that this request will be considered at a future Township Council meeting. I would welcome the opportunity of attending the meeting, to monitor/observe Council's consideration of the request.

Please contact me should you have questions or should you wish to discuss matters.

Yours truly,

Kevin M. Duguay, MCIP, RPP





Lobb Road Allowance Request

