

Recommendation:

That the Clerk/Planning-2022-08 report, dated February 1, 2022, regarding the Request to Stop-up, Close and Sell the Road Allowance adjacent to 2640 Dummer Asphodel Road be received, that an easement for Bell Canada Infrastructure be put in place and further that Council provide direction regarding the close and sale of the road allowance.

Overview:

Staff had received a request to stop up and close a piece of unopened road allowance between Concession 4 and 5 in Lot 1 in the Dummer Ward and deed it to the adjacent landowner (see attached GIS image). Following the Council direction received in December 2021, a circulation to the community was sent out to solicit comments regarding the request.

In response to the request for comments, staff have received two comments; one from Bell Canada requesting an easement over the road allowance for communication infrastructure and a note of opposition from Amanda and Dave Burns, which is attached to this report.

These comments were forwarded to the requestor and he is still interested in moving forward with the request to purchase the allowance. In response to the comments, Mr. Francoeur has provided a new letter to Council with additional information

Conclusion:

While this parcel of road allowance does not appear to be of any benefit to the Township, Bell Canada has stated that it is important to the future of their communication infrastructure. As Council has stated that addressing the cell-gap and lack of internet services in our community is a priority, discussions should take place with Bell Canada regarding the request for an easement prior to any sale of the allowance.

Financial Impact:

If Council chooses to close and sale the parcel to Mr. Francoeur, he will be responsible for all costs all per the Township Policy.

Strategic Plan Applicability:

To effectively respond to the challenges of addressing the Township's municipal infrastructure needs as well as effectively managing the assets of the corporation.

Sustainability Plan Applicability:

N/A

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Request to Stop-Up, Close and Sell Road Allowance - 2640 Dummer Asphodel Road - Report No. 2.docx
Attachments:	- Douro Council letter follow up - Jan 2022.pdf - Letter - Bell Canada - 705-22-056.pdf - Bell Canada - Marked up Sketch.pdf - Bell Canada Easement - SCHEDULE.doc - Comment - Amanda and Dave Burns - Redacted.jpg - Douro Council letter - T6 Policy.pdf - 2640 Dummer Asphodel Road - GIS.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jan 27, 2022

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

Elana Arthurs