



## THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

**Subject:** Birchwood Ave Access and Resident Feedback Update

**FYI Report Number:** Public Works-2020-27

**Meeting Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020

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### **Report:**

This report is a follow up to report PW 2020-15 Birchwood Ave Public Access, Block B Plan 828, presented to Council on May 4, 2020. The purpose of that report was to obtain Council support to allow the owners of 1698 Concession 7, Conc A Pt L 43 to have access to their property off the south end of Birchwood Ave. in Kin Huron Subdivision. To obtain legal access a portion of Block B, Plan 828 would need to be subdivided and dedicated as municipal road allowance.

Following Council review of the report the following motion was passed:

"THAT Council support the subdividing of Block B Plan 828 and dedicate a portion of the Block as Municipal Road Allowance for the purpose of granting access to 1698 Concession 7 (Con A Part Lot 43) per Report Public Works-2020-15;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute all required documentation on behalf of the Municipality."

To allow surrounding property owners, the opportunity to comment on the proposed change a letter was sent detailing the change and offered the opportunity to provide feedback. Several responses were received and are summarized below along with staff comment:

- The existing stagecoach trail needs to be surveyed and private land be delineated from public access. Current use is prohibited and challenging due to property limit validity.
- Many feel the driveway access is the initial step to opening the door for future development. This is possible even without the change and would be required to go through the official planning processes.

- Speed of driveway users was noted as a concern. Safety of the quiet area is priority and was noted. Increased traffic impacts were also noted, but staff do not feel one additional residence would have a compounding impact.
- The driveway limits need to be confirmed. This would be obtained through a survey and engagement/approvals to ensure it is appropriately placed ensuring no negative impacts to adjacent properties.
- Public access shall not be impacted. Public access will be identified, and sufficient signage installed. Proper signage will also make all users aware of where this location is and the need to impose no obstruction to access.
- Concerns of through traffic coming from Concession 7 to the subdivision were noted. We will note within the approved permit that through access is not to be permitted and any existing access from Concession 7 needs to be closed/eliminated. Staff currently understand that the property owner's access was washed out and therefore should resolve the concern.

Staff feel that should the concerns be addressed appropriately, that the access could be finalized. The owner will incur much of the cost associated with the entrance, with a portion (approximate \$2,000) for survey work to confirm public and private property related to the existing trail be covered through the Public Works operating budget. The survey work to identify private and public boundaries should be rectified whether the driveway entrance is granted or not.

**Attachments:**