

Report to Council

Report Title:	JDR Subdivision Land Exchange		
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Department:	Administration		
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Report Number:	CAO2021-39	File Number:	C11CL, D12
Attachments:	Subdivision Plan		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CAO2021-39 – JDR Subdivision Land Exchange, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and Sonya Watson, CAO for information purposes and further approves staff moving forward with engagement with the residents in the subdivision and the development of a concept plan for the parkland.

Report:

Background:

The JDR Subdivision is located on the former Brant School site and is nearing the final stages with most lots sold and homes constructed. Since the subdivision was constructed, it has become apparent that the size of the overall watershed flowing onto the site is much greater than previously planned for. With climate change bringing storms of increased intensity, there is a need to provide additional infrastructure for drainage.

Notice has been provided that on January 25, 2021, Council will consider declaring Block 76, the lands previously earmarked as parkland, surplus to the needs of the Municipality of Brockton. In exchange, Brockton will receive Lots 44 and 45 from the Plan of Subdivision as parkland and to allow for the construction of a stormwater management pond to improve drainage for all the residents in the area of the watershed.

Analysis:

At this time, many residents have started asking what the plans may be for the proposed new parkland lots. This was relayed to the Director of Community Services and at a recent meeting of the Recreation Committee, the Committee discussed the steps involved to develop a plan for parkland. In order to obtain accurate demographic information and meaningful community engagement with the residents, some members of the Recreation Committee have volunteered to go door to door obtaining preferences and information from residents in the JDR subdivision and surrounding neighbourhoods. They will not be committing to any timelines just seeking information.

Once the information has been collected, the next step will be to obtain a preliminary concept plan illustrating how the space can be used. Staff are proposing to arrange for a concept plan as soon as possible to help answer resident questions and assist in the budgeting process.

An additional staff report will come forward with the proposed surplus land declaration on January 25, 2022.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

The intention is to use the demographic information to provide a realistic amount for the development of the parkland in future budgets.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Fiona Hamilton, Clerk



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer