

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: October 16, 2023
Department: Chief Administrative Office
Report No.: CAO-2023-09
Submitted by: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer
Approved by: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: 61 Brennan Drive – Donation to Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive Report CAO-2023-09 61 Brennan Drive – Donation to Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation for information, and further;

THAT: Council direct the Mayor and CAO to execute on behalf of the Municipality, all documentation required to complete said donation, and further;

THAT: By-law 77-23 being a by-law to authorize the donation of land to the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation be referred to the Consideration of Bylaws Section of the Agenda for approval.

BACKGROUND:

Council received a staff report on March 15, 2021 which provided background on the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation fundraising goals and strategies, including specifically 'The Building Foundations Project'. The Municipality has been asked to participate in this fundraising project potentially by way of donating lands to support residential construction in partnership with students in the Construction Technology Co-op program at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School (HCCSS). The product/project would then be sold and proceeds used to fund medical equipment required in the Digital Radiology Suite, as well as future building project fundraisers.

To this end, the Municipality evaluated its land inventory and identified a parcel of land that could potentially be further investigated for donation, being 61 Brennan Drive. The March 15, 2021 report contained two potential options for how the donated lands could be configured. Staff advised Council that these were preliminary configurations and if Council directed, staff would further refine the lot configurations for further consideration by Council. Council directed staff to further pursue the land donation option.

At the April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council a staff report was presented to Council containing options for the land configuration.

While there are six dwelling lots (three pairs), only one pair has been conveyed at this time with the two following pairs to be conveyed through today's Council meeting. The project will bring together SMGHF and the Construction Technology Program at Holy Cross Secondary School, overseen by local General Contractor MilDon, with a plan to build and sell the homes with proceeds to fund a new Digital X-Ray Suite at the hospital. At the April 19, 2021 Council meeting, Council recommended support for the donation of the lands, as proposed.

An extension of Brennan Drive has been completed enabling access to the dwellings, along with an extension of municipal water and sanitary pipes to service the lots.

COMMENTS:

At the December 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting By-law 88-22 Being a By-law to declare a portion of the property known as 61 Brennan Drive (Parts 1-10 RP 33R-21124) to be surplus to the needs of the municipality was passed.

Also at the December 19, 2022 meeting By-law 89-22 being a by-law to authorize the donation of land to the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation was passed. This By-law included the lands described as Parts 9 and 10.

At the May 15, 2023 Regular meeting of Council, direction was given to staff regarding the remaining property at 61 Brennan Drive.

Moved by Councillor Kennes
Seconded by Councillor Pelkman

THAT: staff be directed to begin the process to donate the balance of the building lots on the lands municipally known as 61 Brennan Drive to the SMGH Foundation's "Building Foundations Project"; and further,

THAT: the donation fulfill a financial commitment to the SMGH Foundation in the amount of \$100,000 per year until the end of 2031.

Carried

The remainder of the property known as 61 Brennan Drive (Parts 1-8) must be donated and any necessary documentation executed prior to the closing of the property on October 31, 2023.

CONSULTATION:

Jenn Huff, Director Building & Planning
Bill Dakin, Director of Finance

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Growth Management

- Provide a variety of attainable housing options that address affordability challenges.
- Implement a comprehensive, team-oriented approach to community planning that makes the best use of all municipal resources.

Economic Development

- Participation with local business groups and associations
- Facilitate industry and school board partnerships

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A