

Meeting Date: August 6, 2024
Department: Engineering & Public Works
Report No.: EPW-2024-62
Submitted by: Walter Easter, Manager of Public Works
Approved by: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Agreement for Permanent and Temporary Easements – Queen Street Phase 2 Road Reconstruction Project**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive Report EPW-2024-62 Agreement for Permanent and Temporary Easements – Queen Street Phase 2 Road Reconstruction Project for information, and further;

THAT: By-law No. 79-24 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the documents regarding easements at 157 Front Street East be forwarded to the Consideration of By-laws section of the agenda for approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Queen Street Phase 2 Road Reconstruction Project is the continuation of the Queen Street Road Reconstruction Project that was completed in 2023 from Carroll Street East to English Street. The second phase of the project is similar to the first phase and will include all new sanitary sewer, watermain, storm sewer, sidewalk, curb and gutter, asphalt and restoration as needed. Birnam Excavating Ltd. was awarded the construction contract on June 3rd, 2024 and are anticipating to start construction in early August.

At its May 21, 2024 meeting, Council gave direction to staff in regards to property acquisition(s) to advance the Queen Street Reconstruction Project. The construction of a new 1350mm storm sewer through the west limits of 157 Front Street E. to the Sydenham River is the first step of this road reconstruction project, and the subject of the agreement being brought forward at this time. The municipality needs to obtain a six meter wide permanent easement as well as a three metre wide temporary working easement on either side. The temporary easement will be in place for six (6) months to give adequate room for the contractor to complete the works. The permanent easement will be for any future maintenance work for the 1350mm storm sewer. Full topsoil and sod restoration of the property will be completed following the storm sewer installation.

COMMENTS:

An agreement granting a permanent easement and an offer to grant an easement and consent to enter in relation to 157 Front Street East, and an authorizing by-law, have been prepared by legal counsel and are on Council's agenda for consideration.

CONSULTATION:

Property Owners of 157 Front Street East

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$59,500 to be allocated from the overall project budget.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Council to provide alternate direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Local Infrastructure and Capital Investment: Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc will be supported by reliable, financially responsible, and well-maintained infrastructure networks.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Agreement(s)