

City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CSBU-2022-021

Date: April 6, 2022

Originator: Peter Carello, Senior Planner – Current Operations

Business Unit:

Department:

Community Services

Planning & Building Department

Subject: Laneway Closure Application – 25 Joseph Street

Closed Session: yes ☐ no ☒

Recommendation

1. That the application by Linda Campbell to close the laneway, as shown on Schedule "A" attached to Report to Council CSBU 2022-021, be approved;
2. That the closure of the laneway be subject to the granting of any required easements; and
3. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized by Council to initiate normal closure procedures for the subject laneway.

Background

Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act 2001 (S.O. 2001, c.25) permits municipalities to pass By-laws for "stopping up any highway or part of a highway".

The City of North Bay received an application to close an existing laneway on the block bounded by Joseph Street, Gladstone Avenue, Corbett Street and Lee Avenue.

Notice of this proposed closure was circulated to all parties that may have an interest in this matter with the following comments received:

- 1) City Solicitor – No concerns expressed
- 2) Engineering Department – "Engineering does not have any comment on

this matter.”

- 3) Director, Public Works and Parks – No concerns expressed.
- 4) Building Services – “Building Services does not have any objections to or concerns with the proposed lane closure.”
- 5) North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority – “No concerns”
- 6) Bell Canada – No concerns expressed
- 7) Ministry of Transportation – “The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has reviewed the lane closure request and the subject lands are outside of MTO’s permit control area, therefore, the MTO does not have any comments to provide.”
- 8) Enbridge Gas – “We have completed review and have no interest in the subject lands.”
- 9) North Bay Hydro – No concerns expressed
- 10) Hydro One – “We have reviewed the documents concerning the noted Plan and have no comments or concerns at this time.”

Planning Services received on phone call from a neighbouring property owner. This owner expressed no concerns regarding the closure and encouraged the City to transfer the laneway to the applicant.

The subject laneway is located at the rear of a property with frontage on Joseph Street. Planning staff conducted a site visit on April 6, 2022. Though the laneway is unobstructed at Lee Avenue, it would appear that the laneway is not used for access by any area residents. There are no visible tire tracks and there is a culvert where the laneway intersects with Lee Avenue. Planning Services has no objections to the proposed laneway closure.

No further correspondence was received from any circulated internal department or external agency regarding this matter.

Financial/Legal Implications

There are no financial implications to the City of North Bay. The legal implications to the City would be the transfer of a parcel of municipally owned laneway into private ownership.

Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

Specific Objectives

- Promote and support public and private sector investment
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Options Analysis

Option 1:

Do not close the laneway. This option is not recommended because there is no municipal requirement for the subject laneway.

Option 2:

Close and transfer the laneway as set out on Schedule A attached to Report to Council CSBU 2022-021.

Recommended Option

Option 2 is the recommended Option.

1. That the application by Linda Campbell to close the laneway, as shown on Schedule "A" attached to Report to Council CSBU 2022-021, be approved;
 2. That the closure of the laneway be subject to the granting of any required easements; and
 3. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized by Council to initiate normal closure procedures for the subject laneway.
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Respectfully submitted,

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I concur with this report and recommendation

Name Beverley Hillier, MCIP, RPP

Title: Manager, Planning & Building Services

Name Ian Kilgour, MCIP, RPP

Title: Director, Community Development and Growth

Name David Euler, P.Eng., PMP

Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel designated for continuance:

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Senior Planner – Current Operations

Schedule A

