



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA
Council Addendum Agenda**

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
9:00 AM

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(Advisement: Originally included as Item No. 11.1.g on the main agenda)

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1. Dispositions/Proclamations

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From: Hugh Sibbald
Date: November 19, 2023 at 6:09:05 PM EST
To: Dale Kerr
Subject: Lake Drive Functionality Study

Dale Kerr Genge
Councillor Ward 4

Hi Dale,

Thanks for letting me know about the Lake Drive study coming to Council Wednesday. I was back and forth with Ryan Post during the study period and completed the questionnaire but was unable to attend the Public session and am just now going through the complete study. This letter is my personal viewpoint as we have yet to gather feedback from the Briars Community Association. It would be great if you could send these comments to the appropriate place to be included as an addendum to the Agenda.

I have lived on Hedge Road, or within a stone's throw for over sixty years, driven, walked and cycled its entire length thousands of times. As owners of The Briars Resort, our family often worked with the Town to make portions of the road safer for our guests. During our time at the resort we had very busy crossing points at the Inn, at the Cottages and at the adjacent beach.

I'm very pleased to see the Town and consultants focused on making the road safer for pedestrians. The details of the study note a number of sight line issues on Hedge Road but it's not clear anywhere how these could be addressed.

Without further study and detail, as presented it misses some particular challenges of this tricky road and feels like a bit of a broad brush stroke approach that may fail without careful planning.

I also note in the summary attached to the Council Agenda the solution for Hedge Road makes particular mention of cyclists while pedestrians don't even get a mention, when they are currently at the highest risk.

Despite the increased pedestrian and automobile traffic, the Hedge Road is in an unusually safe period, partly due to nimble pedestrians jumping out of the way and perhaps because so many locals have quit walking the road as traffic has increased.

The road has a long history of incidents.

During the 1960s to 90s there were numerous accidents, both single vehicle and pedestrian. To mention just some, a young girl was hit and badly injured while riding her bicycle, a man was hit and dragged over 100 feet in front of The Briars Inn, numerous cars launched off the road at the S turn in front of The Briars, a number of cars drove over the high embankments at the blind corners west of where the current embankment remediation is being carried out by the Town. In the more recent period, a man with a walker was forced off the road and fell down into the gully in front of The Briars.

Changes have gradually been made to the road to help - cabled guard posts on the high embankments, flashing light at the S bend and trees planted on the Briars lawn to improve drivers' perception of the corner, and share the road signs among many small changes - and perhaps most helpful - reduced speed limits. A cross walk was added at one area by the Inn.

These changes have been very helpful in improving safety, partly I believe because they have been carefully applied on a sort of micro level - watching where problems occur and dealing with them to prevent future problems.

I can't imagine yet, on reading the study, how the proposed changes will work without widening the travelled portion of the road in appropriate places. Most of the accidents have been on the blind corners. I shiver at the perils of driving down the centre of any of these numerous blind corners. It couldn't be done safely without responsible drivers going in both directions, something which can't be counted on.

At each corner - by no means the worst are featured in photos in the full study - the only safe way to proceed in an automobile is to hug the right side of the road, and proceed with vigilance. While perhaps a mixed traffic advisory shoulder might be effective on the straighter portions, that system must surely be interrupted numerous times on the blind corners. Can that really be solved with driver education, signage and traffic calming?

I'm pleased to see proposed timelines for this section moved to the end of the implementation period allowing for greater study. I would be pleased to take part in discussions if further citizen input is considered.

In addition to the study, I looked at several other sources on-line. I have included two I found helpful - a link and attached document. I was unable to find examples of windy roads, although they may be there and perhaps additional traffic calming, signage, etc. may be able to be deployed to make the system work:

<https://ruraldesignguide.com/mixed-traffic/advisory-shoulder>

Of course I am still wading through the links provided by the Town's consultants too.

In summary, I feel it's great news to see this new approach being studied for Hedge Road. The need for a solution is imperative.

More detail and work may be needed before a system like advisory lanes can be made safe for this road. And the question remains: can they be safe without widening the travelled portion at the numerous places where sight lines are problematic?

Hugh Sibbald
Briars Estates Limited
President
94 Sibbald Crescent
Sutton

From: Stephen McGregor
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 8:59 PM
To: Dale Genge <dgenge@georgina.ca>
Subject: Hedge Road Proposal

Dear Councilor

My wife Jane and I are property owners at 327 Hedge Road

Several months ago we attended the public information session that dealt with modifying Hedge Road (and others) in Georgina.

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As you know several approaches were on display - each of them intended to make the roads more appealing, and presumably safer, for visitors and residents.

One proposal, as applied to Hedge Road, calls for a single lane of traffic, with pedestrian walkways adjacent.

The theory is that, as cars approached from one way and the other, one would pull over, into the pedestrian lane to let it's opposite number pass.

I hope there is no one walking in the pedestrian lane at the given time

Hedge Road carries a lot of traffic. And a large number of walker and cyclists.

Walking the Road is stressful as it is.

We could use greater enforcement of the speed limit.

If the proposal were to be adopted for Hedge Road, I believe it would create chaos- more and far more dangerous interactions between cars and people.

Please do not support this proposal

Thanks

Stephen

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

REPORT NO. CSD-2023-0014

**FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF
COUNCIL**

November 22, 2023

SUBJECT: ROC CAFETERIA PILOT PROGRAM

1. RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council receive Report No. CSD-2023-0014 prepared by the Community Services Department dated November 22, 2023, respecting the 2023-2024 ROC cafeteria winter operations.
2. That Council approve Community Services selection of Dina's Cuzina to operate the ROC cafeteria for the 2023-2024 ROC winter operation.
3. That Council authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into the agreement for the pilot program in the 2023-2024 winter operation of the ROC cafeteria with Dina's Cuzina.

2. PURPOSE:

To obtain Council approval for the Director of Community Services to award the pilot program of operating the Town owned commercial cafeteria concession at the Recreational Outdoor Campus (The ROC) for the 2023-2024 winter season to Dina's Cuzina.

3. BACKGROUND:

Since the opening of the ROC in 2012, Community Services department has been providing the food service in the cafeteria for the winter season. Town catering service was removed in 2016. Through a financial and business unit analysis, staff determined that exploring the opportunity to partner with an established food service business would be a benefit to the overall operations at the ROC.

In September 2023, staff issued an expression of interest (EOI) which included offering third party lease space for the operation of food services out of the ROC cafeteria for the 2023-2024 winter season.

The expression of interest closed on November 5, 2023, and three proposals were received.

4. ANALYSIS:

Within the expression of interest, proponents were asked to submit an outline of relevant experience and business plan for consideration. The ideal proponent would have knowledge of culinary business best practices, strong interpersonal skills, and experience in the restaurant/tourism industry. The proponent would also include a proposal rate in the submission. It was clearly outlined in the EOI that the successful proponent is required to follow The ROC winter operation hours of operation.

On November 5, 2023, three proposals were received and evaluated by a staff review team. The review team evaluated each proponent's business plan, relevant experience, proposed menu and fit with the overall ROC business plan.

This new initiative would be a benefit for both the Town and the business. This is a beneficial opportunity for revenue generation for the Town and is also an opportunity for a business to grow and succeed within the Town. This partnership would provide a high level of service to our residents and visitors which will contribute to an overall positive experience at the ROC.

5. RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Diversifying local economy - Continue to support Georgina's tourism sector as an economic driver.

Creating a vibrant, healthy, and safe community for all - Continue to invest in community amenities and spaces.

6. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The Town would be collecting rental revenue for this pilot program initiative. The proposed rate for the rental space will be based on a percent of gross sales and/or fixed rental whichever is greater. The rental revenue will be a minimum of \$6,000.00 as a positive impact to contribute to the overall budget at the ROC.

7. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

8. CONCLUSION:

This is a pilot program for the 2023-2024 winter season. Staff will evaluate the partnership at the end of the winter season and will return to Council to provide a summary and recommendation for the following season.

APPROVALS

Prepared By:	Patti White Manager of Recreation Services
Recommended By:	Steve Lee-Young Director of Community Services
Approved By:	Rob Wheeler Deputy CAO/Treasurer



Subject: Report Revision - Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan – Surveyor Services DS-2023-0087

To: Mayor and Council

From: Trevor Jacobs, Senior Project Manager, Corporate Projects

Date: November 20, 2023

Briefing:

The following update pertains to report DS-2023-0087, which is scheduled for Council consideration on November 22, 2023.

After acquiring additional information related to HST charges, revisions have been made to rectify the report originally issued on November 15, 2023, available on the Town Website. The modifications aim to ensure accuracy and align the report with the latest information.

Changes in the updated report include:

1. Deletion of the reference to “applicable HST of 1.76%” in Recommendation #2.
2. Adjustment of the survey costs per lakeside lot from "\$2,476.00" to "\$2,433.00" in Recommendation #3.
3. Removal of the reference to "1.76% HST" in Table 2, with updates in the related calculations.
4. Correction on the 14th page under "EPO Cost for Lakeside Lots," changing the reference from "\$2,476.00" to "\$2,433.00".
5. Modification in Table 3, reflecting a change in "Survey Cost per Lakeside Lot" from "\$2,476" to "\$2,433".

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November 22, 2023

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6. That staff report back to Council on providing EPOs the option of a payment plan, with a comprehensive outline of the payment plan option, including interest rates, overall structure, duration of payments, and seek authorization for the associated by-law.

2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the results of the engagement process with Eligible Property Owners (EPOs) within the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan Area (see Attachment 1), and to seek funding and approval to award a contract for surveyor services.

3. BACKGROUND:

On September 23, 2015, the Lake Drive Shoreline Jurisdiction Ad Hoc Committee was established to gather public input and address the issues surrounding Lake Drive. The Committee met for approximately two years between September 23, 2015 and July 19, 2017, and presented its recommendations to Council (the “Action Plan”). Council resolved to move forward on the Lake Drive Shoreline Jurisdiction Action Plan, which led to a Town position on the divestiture of surplus road allowance lands. However, due to legal issues and resource allocation challenges caused by the pandemic, the project was delayed for nearly three years.

The Council-approved Action Plan consists of a 14 step process aimed at resolving land ownership issues relating to the lands on the lake side of Lake Drive North and Lake Drive East. Its primary objectives were twofold: first, to determine the boundaries of the Town’s road allowance and identify the portions that should be retained and those that could be considered surplus and divested; and second, to establish appropriate land use permissions and development standards for all lakeside lots, including privately owned properties and the road allowance lands to be divested. Ultimately, this project is intended to clear up title along the shoreline of Lake Drive North and Lake Drive East.

March 30, 2022 Council Meeting

On March 30, 2022, Council adopted the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. [C-2022-0108](#)

1. That Council delegate authority to the CAO to retain and/or allocate appropriate dedicated personnel and resources to advance the Lake Drive Jurisdiction Action Plan, excluding beach associations, as per the direction provided in the March 30, 2022 closed session of Council.
2. That staff report back to Council with two reports, the first report outlining the price including land costs and actual cost recovery the Town would consider for the divestiture of road allowance lands within the Lake Drive Jurisdiction Action Plan by June 22, 2022, and the second report outlining a schedule to implement the operational and policy steps in the Lake Drive Jurisdiction Action Plan no later than August 10, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. [C-2022-0109](#)

3. That Beach Associations will be addressed through the second report outlining a schedule to implement the operational and policy steps in the Lake Drive Jurisdiction Action Plan no later than August 10, 2022.

June 22, 2022 Council Meeting

On June 22, 2022, Council considered Report No. [SI-2022-0006](#), which provided financial information to Town Council for its consideration relating to the price, including land costs and actual cost recovery, of the road allowance lands to be divested.

The three primary financial components for implementing the Action Plan were identified as follows:

- Category 1: Project Costs
- Category 2: Lakeside Lot Creation Costs
- Category 3: Land Costs

The Budget for Category 1: Project Costs approved through the passing of Resolution No. C-2022-0108 at the March 30, 2022 Council meeting was as follows:

- Program Manager (\$480,000 over 3 years)
- Planner/GIS Technologist (\$308,000 over 3 years)
- Communications Support (\$75,000)
- Planning Consultant if required (\$100,000)
- External Legal Counsel (\$300,000)
- Total Budget: \$1,263,000

Through the following resolution, Council adopted defining elements outlining how future budgetary Category 2 and 3 associated costs and risks would proceed. Staff were to report back to Council with further recommendations concerning Category 2 and 3 costs as the Action Plan progresses.

RESOLUTION NO. [C-2022-0238](#)

4. That Council set the per lakeside lot survey costs following a formal competitive procurement process for surveying services.
5. That the actual land transfer/closing costs be charged to the transferee(s).
6. That a separate costing process be developed, if required, in instances where multiple parties claim title to a proposed lakeside lot or are disputing a proposed dividing boundary.

7. That a subsequent costing report be brought to Council in advance of any lakeside lot transfers to finalize the costs associated with the transfer.

RESOLUTION NO. [C-2022-0239](#)

2. That the land value rate per square foot (excluding applicable taxes) be set at \$2.00 per square foot to be used to divest the Town-owned, surplus land.

RESOLUTION NO. [C-2022-0240](#)

3. That the appropriate dollar amount (excluding applicable taxes) to be charged per lakeside lot to recover project costs be capped at 100% participation, excluding beach associations.

August 10, 2022 Council Meeting

On August 10, 2022, Council approved a [Project Schedule for implementation of policy and operational steps](#) described within the Action Plan for indirect waterfront properties. Council also approved an update to the Action Plan which revised the definition of “lakeside lands” to clarify that the Town can only deal with “lakeside lands” owned by the Town. This resulted in two resolutions as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. [C-2022-0293](#)

2. That Council endorse the Project Schedule for implementation of the Lake Drive Shoreline Jurisdiction Action Plan for residential indirect waterfront properties, in accordance with Report No. [DS-2022-0069](#);
3. That Council direct staff to draft a potential Interim Policy for indirect waterfront properties within the Lake Drive Shoreline Jurisdiction Action Plan to allow certain works to proceed on lakeside lands, subject to certain conditions, prior to completion of the Action Plan, for submission to Council in September 2022 for consideration;

As Council had directed on March 30, 2022 through Resolution No. [C-2022-0109](#), staff reported back with a second separate report ([DS-2022-0070](#), dated August 10, 2022) outlining a schedule to implement the operational and policy steps for beach associations. Generally, staff were to report back at a later date with more information on beach associations. The Resolutions adopted at that time were as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. [C-2022-0294](#)

1. That Council receive Report No. [DS-2022-0070](#) prepared by the Planning Policy Division, Development Services Department, dated August 10, 2022, respecting a Project Schedule for implementation of policy step #12 in the Lake Drive Shoreline Jurisdiction Action Plan for beach associations; and,

2. That Staff report back in the first quarter of 2023 with a Project Schedule and any budgetary needs respecting the implementation of operational and policy steps in the Lake Drive Shoreline Jurisdiction Action Plan for beach associations.

August 2, 2023 Council Meeting

On August 2, 2023, Council considered Report No. [DS-2023-0071](#), which provided a project update, and included recommendations to further the Action Plan. The following resolutions were adopted by Council:

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0278

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2023-0071 prepared by the Planning Policy Division, Development Services Department, dated August 2, 2023, respecting the Lake Drive Shoreline Jurisdiction Action Plan;
2. That Staff be directed to commence Operational Step #6 of the Action Plan - Town to send out notices to all Eligible Property Owners (EPOs) to determine which EPOs are interested in obtaining legal interest in lakeside lands;
3. That staff report back in November 2023 regarding the EPO participation after gauging results collected through the consultation process; and,
4. That Staff initiate Operational Step #7 of the Action Plan – procure surveying services, and report back in November 2023 with the results for Council's consideration.

September 20, 2023 Council Meeting

On September 20, 2023, Council considered Report No. [DS-2023-0082](#), which outlined some potential strategies for addressing beach associations using Town-owned shoreline land in the Action Plan Area (see Attachment 1). Council recognized that beach associations would need to be registered as incorporated not-for-profit organizations, functioning as legal entities, before engaging in any potential long-term lease or sale agreements with the Town. Council approved the report and directed staff to consult with beach associations for feedback, with a follow-up report to Council in Q1 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0321

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2023-0082 prepared by the Planning Policy Division, Development Services Department, dated September 20, 2023, respecting the Lake Drive Shoreline Jurisdiction Action Plan Area;

2. That as per Action Plan Policy Step 12, Council receive the reporting letter from Ritchie, Ketcheson, Hart and Biggart LLP dated July 11, 2023;
3. That Council recognize the requirement for beach associations to be registered as incorporated not-for-profit organizations, functioning as legal entities, before engaging in any potential long-term lease or sale agreements with the Town;
4. That staff be directed to engage in a consultation process with beach associations for feedback, and report back to Council in Q1 2024; and,
5. That staff, following the above-mentioned consultation process with beach associations, report back to Council to seek direction on land management options and a cost structure breakdown for beach associations.

4. ANALYSIS:

Gauging Resident Interest

Council Directive

On August 2, 2023, Council approved the initiation of an engagement process to determine the interest of Eligible Property Owners (EPOs) in participating in the divestiture process.

2. That Staff be directed to commence Operational Step #6 of the Action Plan - Town to send out notices to all Eligible Property Owners (EPOs) to determine which EPOs are interested in obtaining legal interest in lakeside lands.
3. That staff report back in November 2023 regarding the EPO participation after gauging results collected through the consultation process.

Action Plan: Operational Step #6

The Council-approved 14 step "Action Plan" (see Attachment 2), Operational Step #6, set out the following operational step for the Town to take as part of decision-making process prior to the project proceeding to the surveying stage:

"6. Town to send out Notices to all EPOs (or others as determined by Council) to determine which EPOs are interested in obtaining legal interest in lakeside lots. Possibly collect money from EPOs (or others as determined by Council) for purpose of creating Reference Plans (R-Plans):

- *If insufficient response from EPOs, Town to decide whether to end process; if decision is to conclude process, Town takes no further steps, except as identified in response to NO in Policy Step 1.*

- *If sufficient numbers of EPOs (or others as determined by Council) declare an interest in obtaining a legal interest in a lakeside lot, Town to prepare an RFP to retain qualified Surveyor(s) to create lakeside lots.”*

Effective stakeholder engagement continues to be a key element in the successful implementation of the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan. In September 2023, staff began the process of actively seeking feedback from EPOs to gauge interest in the divestiture process. The intent of this interest-gauging exercise was to:

- Determine EPO interest in gaining title to shoreline land through the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan;
- Open lines of communications with EPOs and determine preferred methods of engagement for future updates and engagement initiatives; and,
- Increase knowledge and understanding of the Action Plan goals and implementation process.

The interest-gauging process is one element of the overall stakeholder engagement plan being developed by the Town’s communications consultant retained for this project. More opportunities to engage will follow as the Action Plan progresses, including sharing property-specific information with EPOs when available.

Methodology

Staff developed a list of residential addresses that may be eligible for inclusion in the Action Plan. Letters were sent to 350 residential addresses along Lake Drive North and East. Based on the current conceptual project design, staff estimate that approximately 350 properties will be eligible to participate in the Action Plan. Eligibility would be confirmed through the surveyor process.

The letter to property owners confirmed that the recipient may be eligible to participate in the Action Plan and invited recipients to provide feedback with the goal of learning more about property owners’ interest in taking part in the Action Plan. It also included answers to frequently asked questions and the website address to learn more (georgina.ca/lakedriveplan).

Recipients were provided with two ways to provide feedback; completing an online survey, or a paper questionnaire to be shared with the Town by return letter.

Information requested included:

- Name
- Address
- Indication of interest in “gaining clear title to shoreline land adjacent to your residential property through the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan” (yes or no answer).
- Those indicating “no” were asked to select a reason for the response.

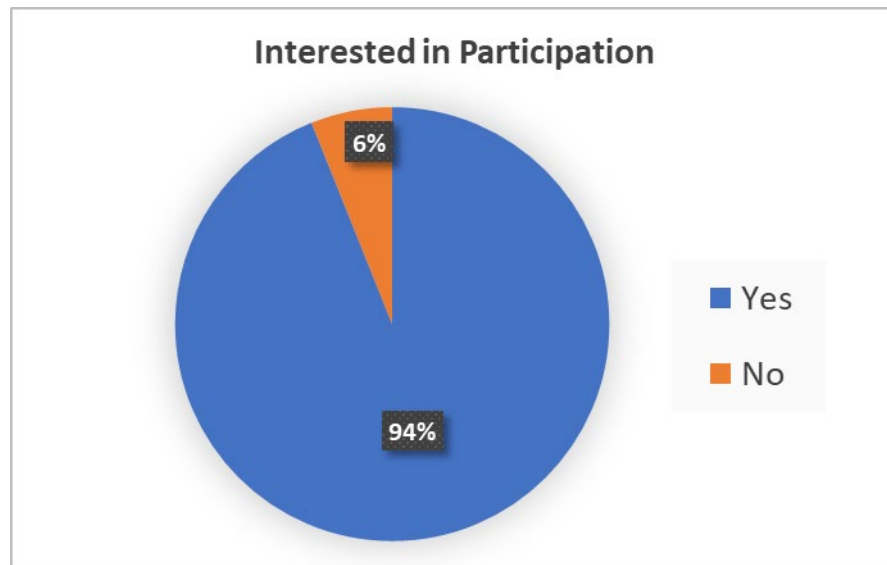
- Email address for those wishing to receive future communication from the Town by email.

Results from Interest-Gauging Process

The project team received 198 responses to the letter, representing a 57% response rate. Responses were received as follows:

Table 1: EPO Interest Results

Interested in Participating	Count	Percentage
Yes	186	94%
No	12	6%
Total	198	100%



Of the 198 respondents, 186 indicated that they **are interested** in participating in the Action Plan, representing **94% of respondents**.

Of the 198 respondents, 16 also indicated that "I want to participate but costs may be too high".

Of the 12 respondents who answered "No", 8 indicated that they believe they already own the shoreline land adjacent to their property.

Analysis of Survey Results

The 57% response rate (198 responses) is a strong indicator of property owners' interest in and awareness of the Action Plan, and provides a statistically significant result with a high confidence level.

With 94% of respondents expressing interest in participating in the Action Plan, property owners indicated a strong desire to gain ownership of adjacent shoreline land. A small yet significant group (8%) indicated that they want to participate but are concerned about cost.

Next Steps

The interest-gauging process provided valuable insight into EPOs' willingness to participate in the Action Plan. It also opened lines of communication with property owners and established points of contact. Working with the communications consultant, staff will continue to implement a stakeholder engagement process to ensure that EPOs can access information about Action Plan progress and can provide feedback when required.

Payment Plan Option

Feedback from residents has highlighted that the costs associated with land transactions, including potential purchase fees, may create a potential barrier to their active participation in the program for some.

Acknowledging these concerns, it is recommended that Council consider implementing a payment plan option designed to alleviate the financial burden on residents and to encourage their active participation.

The proposed payment plan would offer residents the option to spread the payment costs over time. The exact costs would be determined on an individual basis, taking into account specific property details, including the varying sizes of properties identified through the surveyor results.

It is important to note that the interest rate, security, and duration associated with this payment plan option would need to be further evaluated and decided upon by Council. This will ensure that the terms of the payment plan are fair and reasonable for the residents, providing an additional layer of assurance regarding the financial aspects of the divestiture program.

By approving a payment plan option, Council would demonstrate a commitment to addressing residents' concerns and facilitating their active participation in the divestiture program. This approach aligns with Operational Step #13 of the Action Plan, emphasizing the creation of terms that are conducive to the involvement of

EPOs. Granting EPOs the option of a payment plan is a proactive step in ensuring the success and inclusivity of the divestiture program.

It is recommended that Council direct staff to report back with a comprehensive outline of the payment plan option, including interest rates, overall structure, duration of payments, and seek authorization for the associated by-law, ensuring clarity and fairness in the financial aspects of the divestiture program.

Recoverable Land Cost

The recoverable land costs are a key consideration in the sale of lakeside lots to EPOs. At the established rate of \$2 per square foot, a conceptual design anticipates potentially recoverable costs of roughly \$950,000 from surplus road allowance lands if there is full 100% EPO participation.

It is important to note the possibility of a smaller amount of land exists beyond the original road allowance, possibly due to accretion or fill. These specific areas need confirmation by the surveyor, as they might be owned by the MNRF. The surveyor's role is essential in this process, helping identify and distinguish lands beyond the initial road allowance, and determining their ownership. Any lands belonging to the MNRF are not intended for sale by the Town. The surveyor's findings will provide clarity on which lands fall under Town ownership and which belong to the Ministry.

Role of the Surveyor

Hiring a surveyor for the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan is critical due to several key roles they will play in facilitating the divestiture of lakeside lands and resolving land title issues within the Action Plan Area (see Attachment 1):

1. **Ownership Verification**: The surveyor will conduct title searches and create a comprehensive ownership database. This database will be vital for confirming ownership of parcels on the shoreline, ensuring clear and legally defined property boundaries.
2. **Road Allowance and Shoreline Survey**: The surveyor's responsibilities include detailed surveying of the Lake Drive road allowance and the shoreline. They will delineate the original road allowance, accretion areas, and fill areas. This information will be pivotal in determining which land belongs to the Town and which to the MNRF.
3. **Infrastructure Protection**: The surveyor will identify which lands need to be retained for Town infrastructure, including drainage outlets and future reconstruction of existing pipes. This ensures the Town's services continue unimpeded.
4. **Utility Company Infrastructure**: Utility infrastructure, including gas, hydro, and telecommunications, will be located and placed under easements by the surveyor.

This will protect these essential services and ensure that utility companies have access for maintenance and upgrades.

5. Division of Lakeside Parcels: The surveyor will divide the lakeside lots for the EPOs based on existing conditions and the extension of land-side lot lines. In cases where adjustments are needed to match existing conditions, the surveyor will assist in consultations with residents and Town staff.
6. Compliance with MNRF Requirements: All survey work along the shoreline will adhere to the MNRF specifications for surveyor instructions and survey plan requirements. This will ensure that the surveys can be used by residents in the future if they choose to purchase MNRF parcels through the ministry's separate application process.
7. R-Plans: The surveyor's final design for the land divestiture in the Action Plan Area will build upon the conceptual design of proposed lakeside lots created by Town staff. These Reference Plans of Survey (R-Plans) will clearly set out the limits of Lake Drive North and Lake Drive East, and lakeside parcels, including easements.

In summary, the surveyor's involvement is vital in creating accurate, legally sound land divisions, preserving infrastructure, and providing the necessary data and plans to facilitate the divestiture process. They will ensure the project adheres to regulations, protects utility infrastructure, and provides comprehensive R-Plans for future property transactions.

Additional Survey Work

An ongoing challenge within the Action Plan Area involves the lack of a clear and defined demarcation of the road allowance along most sections of Lake Drive. This lack of clarity includes areas with existing lakefront houses and properties not encompassed in the Action Plan for divestiture. Rectifying this issue is important for several reasons as it directly affects the Town's planning and resource allocation. Including this additional survey work will help resolve this issue for the Town. The cost associated with this survey work would be separate from the Action Plan budget.

The proposed additional survey work would be well-timed and strategic for several compelling reasons. First and foremost, it aligns with the comprehensive Action Plan, which includes creating an ownership database, confirming property boundaries, and preparing R-Plans for lakeside parcels and the Lake Drive road allowance. The primary objective of this additional survey work is to resolve the issue of unclear road allowance boundaries in areas with existing lakefront houses.

Additionally, this initiative fulfills a specific requirement expressed by the Operations and Infrastructure Department, which emphasizes the importance of a continuous and well-defined Lake Drive road allowance for their daily operations and future planning efforts, particularly Town infrastructure maintenance.

Areas requiring this additional survey work vary in length throughout the Action Plan boundary, totaling over 500 metres of road frontage. To efficiently address this need, staff recommend including and approving this task within the Action Plan's Contract No. "DSD2023-099 Surveyor Services – Lake Drive". Funding for this specific aspect would be allocated separately from the Action Plan budget and is recommended to be funded by the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve. This approach ensures an economical use of resources and close alignment of the survey work with broader Town objectives.

The decision to survey these gap areas serves multiple purposes:

- It benefits from economies of scale, leveraging a contractor already working on behalf of the Town;
- It ensures consistency throughout the Action Plan, enabling the Town to have comprehensive knowledge of the road allowance boundaries throughout the entire Action Plan Area;
- It aids in future project scoping, allowing for conceptual scoping of projects by leveraging readily available information; and,
- It enhances maintenance planning and execution, which is crucial for stormwater assets, forestry, signs, and road surface maintenance.

It is essential to note that the costs associated with this additional survey work will be separate from the Action Plan finances and is recommended to be funded by the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve, thereby not impacting those interested in the purchase of lands through the Action Plan.

Contract No. DSD2023-099 Surveyor Services – Lake Drive

On August 2, 2023, Council directed staff to launch the procurement process for surveying services, as detailed in Resolution No. 2023-0278:

4. That Staff initiate Operational Step #7 of the Action Plan – procure surveying services, and report back in November 2023 with the results for Council's consideration.

The Town issued RFP "DSD2023-099 Surveyor Services – Lake Drive" on August 25, 2023, for the Action Plan project surveying services. The RFP was advertised on the Town's Bids and Tender website. The closing date was September 25, 2023, at which time three (3) proposals were submitted successfully, by the following firms;

1. Callon Dietz Incorporated Ontario Land Surveyors
2. IBW Surveyors
3. RS Surveying Limited

Once the Evaluation Committee submitted the final scores for the technical evaluation and the interview / demonstrations, two respondents obtained combined scores meeting the minimum seventy percent (70%) in the technical and interview / demonstration stages of the evaluation. These respondents' financial bid submissions were electronically unsealed and a total bid submission score was calculated. Once the financial bid submission was unsealed a total point score was calculated for all eligible respondents.

Following the completion of the evaluation, a recommendation was made by the evaluation committee that the Town enter into a contract with **IBW Surveyors, Bowmanville, Ontario**. Approval of the award of this contract requires Council's approval. Details on the contract prices are presented in "Table 2: Survey Costs" below.

It is important to note that a project survey-related budget has not received prior approval from Council. To address this, this report recommends Council's approval of the survey-related budget, which includes a 30% contingency for unexpected expenses, if needed. This budget approval is separate and distinct from the upcoming 2024 annual budget process.

The total budget amount for the project survey-related expenses, excluding taxes, is \$851,577.00, which also encompasses a 30% contingency for unforeseen costs. The contingency, within this surveyor's budget, accounts for unforeseen expenses such as fluctuating land conditions, legal implications, or unexpected administrative needs, ensuring flexibility in the project's financial planning. Approval of this budget is an independent process from the 2024 annual budget.

Table 2: Survey Costs		
	Amount	Cost per Lakeside Lot
Project Survey Cost		
IBW Surveyors Project Bid Price	\$655,059	\$1,872
Contingency 30%	\$196,518	\$561
Total Project Survey Cost	\$851,577	\$2,433
Additional Survey Works (Provisional Item)		
IBW Surveyors Provisional Item Bid Price	\$79,650	-
Contingency 30%	\$23,895	-
Total Additional Survey Works Cost	\$103,545	-
Note:		
Costs per Lakeside Lot are divided across 350 Lots, exact number of lots to be confirmed through survey. Costs are based on 100% participation (Resolution No. C-2002-0240).		

EPO Cost for Lakeside Lots

Council's commitment to the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan includes the understanding that the project costs, encompassing dedicated resources and survey expenses, will be charged back to the EPOs, in addition to the costs of the lakeside lots, as part of the recoverable costs. This cost structure involves EPOs purchasing the surplus lakeside lots as previously resolved by Council at a rate of \$2 per square foot (ft²), in addition to covering the land transfer/closing costs. These three cost areas, namely Project Costs, Lakeside Lot Creation Costs, and Land Cost, constitute the overall expenses for EPOs seeking to acquire the lakeside lots.

The recent surveyor procurement process has allowed for a more accurate assessment of costs, guided by Council's directives. These costs, including the survey expenses, will be paid by EPOs upon property transfer, and notably, staff recommend that EPOs are not required to provide an upfront deposit with the Town before these transactions. Additionally, it is important to highlight that Council has set a cap on all recoverable costs to be billed to individual EPO's based on the assumption of a 100% participation rate.

Council has previously resolved to determine the per lakeside lot survey costs following a formal competitive procurement process for surveying services. Accordingly, staff recommend that Council set the per lakeside lot survey costs for EPOs at \$2,433.00 per lakeside lot, based on an estimated 350 lakeside lots and 100% participation.

Furthermore, Council previously directed staff to develop a separate costing process for situations where multiple parties claim title to a proposed lakeside lot or dispute a proposed dividing boundary. While Town staff acknowledge this directive, staff anticipate the need to engage with all EPOs to ensure alignment before the transfer process. In instances of dispute involving multiple parties, the resolution will need to be handled independently of the project, and the Town will not involve itself financially in these discussions. Residents with boundary disputes or specific inquiries will be encouraged to seek assistance from a professional land surveying firm.

Council has already adopted the requirement that a subsequent costing report be presented to Council before any lakeside lot transfers occur, finalizing the costs associated with the transfer. This will ensure transparency and provide a clear understanding of the financial aspects of the transfer process.

The following table, "Table 3: EPO Cost for Lakeside Lots", shows the breakdown of the estimated costs for EPOs.

Table 3: EPO Cost for Lakeside Lots	
	Cost per Lakeside Lot
Category 1: Project Administrative Cost	
Senior Project Manager (\$480K over 3 years)	\$1,371
Planner/GIS Specialist (\$308K over 3 years)	\$880
Communications Consultant (\$75K over 2-3 years)	\$214
Planning Consultant (\$100K over 2-3 years)	\$286
External Legal Counsel (\$300K over 3 years)	\$857
Subtotal	\$3,609
Category 2: Lot Creation Cost	
Survey Cost Per Lot (Resolution C-2022-0238): - Based on IBW Surveyors bid price \$655,059.00. - Includes 30% Contingency.	\$2,433
Estimated Land Transfer/Closing Cost (Resolution C-2002-0238)	\$1,000
Subtotal	\$3,433
Category 3: Estimated Average Land Cost	
Based on conceptual design	\$2,714
Estimated Average Cost	
Estimated Average EPO Cost	\$9,756
Estimated Average EPO Cost (rounded to nearest \$1,000)	\$10,000
Note: Costs are divided across 350 Lots, exact number of lots to be confirmed through survey. Costs are based on 100% participation (Resolution No. C-2002-0240).	

Town Project Cost

This section provides a summary of the project costs associated with the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan, with a focus on the critical factor of EPOs' participation. The findings are presented in accompanying "Table 4: Town Project Cost" (see Attachment 3) for ease of reference.

It is essential to understand that the Town will not be permanently burdened with the full Administrative Cost and Survey Cost. Instead, the Town will initially cover these expenses, allowing the project to move forward efficiently. These costs will subsequently be recovered through the sale of lakeside lots to EPOs.

The degree of EPO participation plays a pivotal role in shaping the Town's financial commitment. The more EPOs who participate, the less financial burden the Town will bear. For instance, if 67% of EPOs (estimated at 350) opt into the process, the Town's costs will break even. Participation rates exceeding 67% will result in a favourable financial outcome, while rates falling below 67% would lead to a financial deficit.

The table accompanying this section, “Table 4: Town Project Cost” (see Attachment 3), offers a comprehensive range of potential financial scenarios, making it easier to grasp the Town’s financial dynamics based on varying levels of EPO involvement.

Project Schedule Update:

An updated project schedule is now available for reference (see Attachment 4). This revised schedule takes into account the comprehensive work plan and timeframes for the upcoming survey works, aiming to provide clarity and transparency regarding project milestones. Several key updates have been made, reflecting both completed tasks and future timelines.

The following project phases have been successfully accomplished: “Current State Analysis”, “Identify Lands/Easements Town to Retain & Define EPOs”, and “Gauging Interest from Identified EPOs”. These milestones mark significant progress in the preparation for the surveying phase. Notably, advancements related to Beach Associations within the Action Plan Area are following a separate course per Council decision, not directly influencing the remainder of the project’s progress.

Subject to Council’s approval of the recommendations in this report, surveying activities are scheduled to commence in January 2024 and extend throughout the entire year. This phase will play a pivotal role in property verification, infrastructure delineation, and the creation of R-Plans to define boundaries.

Simultaneously, in early 2024 and continuing throughout the year, the “Official Plan/Zoning/Community Planning” phase will commence. This phase is essential for aligning the project with the Town’s planning and zoning requirements.

Looking ahead, with surveying completed and R-Plans deposited in 2024, the project will transition into the “Road Closure By-laws” and “Transfer Ownership of Lakeside Parcels” phase, which would continue through 2025. These actions are important to the divestiture of lakeside lots and the seamless progression of the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan.

5. RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

The following is one of the Goals and Indicators in the current 2023-2027 Corporate Strategic Plan, under the “Proactively Manage Infrastructure and Assets to Ensure Service Continuity” pillar:

- Continue to advance the Lake Drive Shoreline Jurisdiction Action Plan

6. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The financial and budgetary implications of the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan are multi-faceted. As the project progresses, it involves a blend of costs, recoverable expenses, and financial considerations for both the Town and EPOs. The financial dynamics of the plan are detailed in “Table 4: Town Project Cost” (see Attachment 3) and “Table 3: EPO Cost for Lakeside Lots”, with the following key financial components:

1. **Town Project Costs:** The Town initially incurs project expenses, including administrative and survey costs. These costs are later recovered through the sale of lakeside lots to EPOs, which vary depending on EPO participation rates.
2. **EPO Costs for Lakeside Lots:** EPOs interested in acquiring lakeside lots will be charged at a rate of \$2 per square foot, as established by Council. Additionally, EPOs will bear the land transfer/closing costs. These costs are presented in “Table 3: EPO Cost for Lakeside Lots”.
3. **Surveyor Services:** It is recommended that the Town select IBW Surveyors to provide surveying services for the Action Plan. The total survey budget, inclusive of a 30% contingency for unforeseen expenses, amounts to \$851,577.00, excluding HST.
4. **Payment Plan Option:** To address financial concerns raised by residents, a payment plan option is proposed to help ease the financial burden on EPOs, ensuring more widespread participation.
5. **Additional Survey Work:** This report recommends conducting additional survey work to clearly define road allowance boundaries in areas with existing lakefront houses. The costs associated with this work are to be funded by the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve and are separate from the Action Plan budget.

It is important to emphasize that the financial dynamics are closely tied to the degree of EPO participation. The more EPOs who choose to participate, the less the Town’s financial burden. On the other hand, participation rates below a certain threshold may lead to a financial deficit for the Town.

The financial and budgetary implications of the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan are complex, reflecting a balance between cost recovery, financial support for residents, and the Town’s commitment to shoreline divestiture. Council approval of the recommended budget for survey-related expenses is essential for the successful execution of the project.

7. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

This report does not fall under any specific legislative notice requirements. It presents an in-depth overview of the outcomes from the EPO interest-gauging process, as per Council's direction, signifying a substantial level of resident interest.

8. CONCLUSION:

The Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan has garnered remarkable support, with 94% of respondents indicating their willingness to participate. The primary challenge remains financial concerns, prompting the introduction of a payment plan option to alleviate these issues. Surveyors play a critical role in property verification, road delineation, and infrastructure preservation, further supported by essential additional survey work. The issuance of a RFP led to the selection of IBW Surveyors, marking a pivotal progression. The report outlines anticipated costs for residents acquiring lakeside lots and their potential financial implications for the Town. Furthermore, the updated project schedule sets a clear path for the project's progression. Council's approval to award the surveyor contract to IBW Surveyors is instrumental in advancing the project.

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Attachments:

Attachment 1: Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan Area Map
Attachment 2: Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan, "Action Plan"
Attachment 3: Table 4: Town Project Cost
Attachment 4: Project Schedule

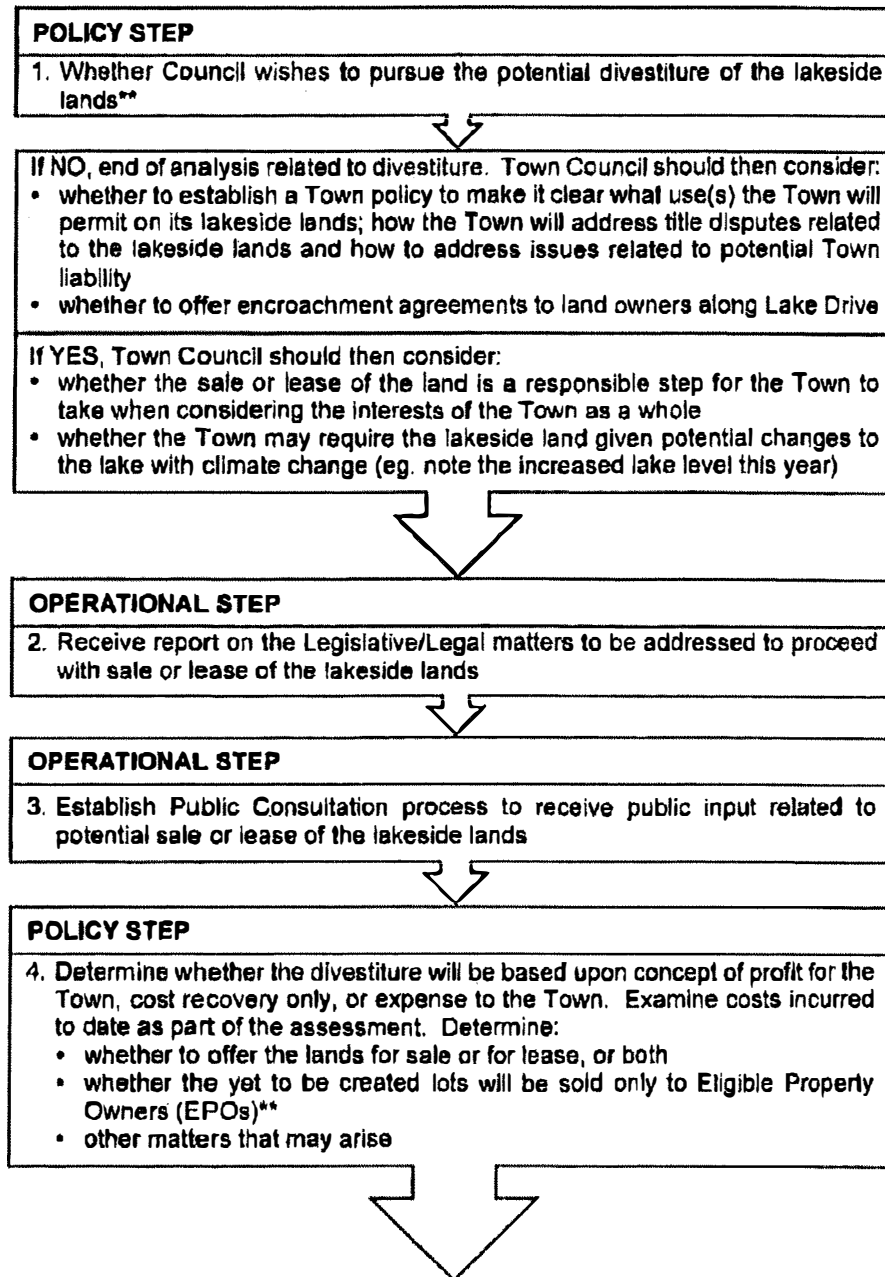
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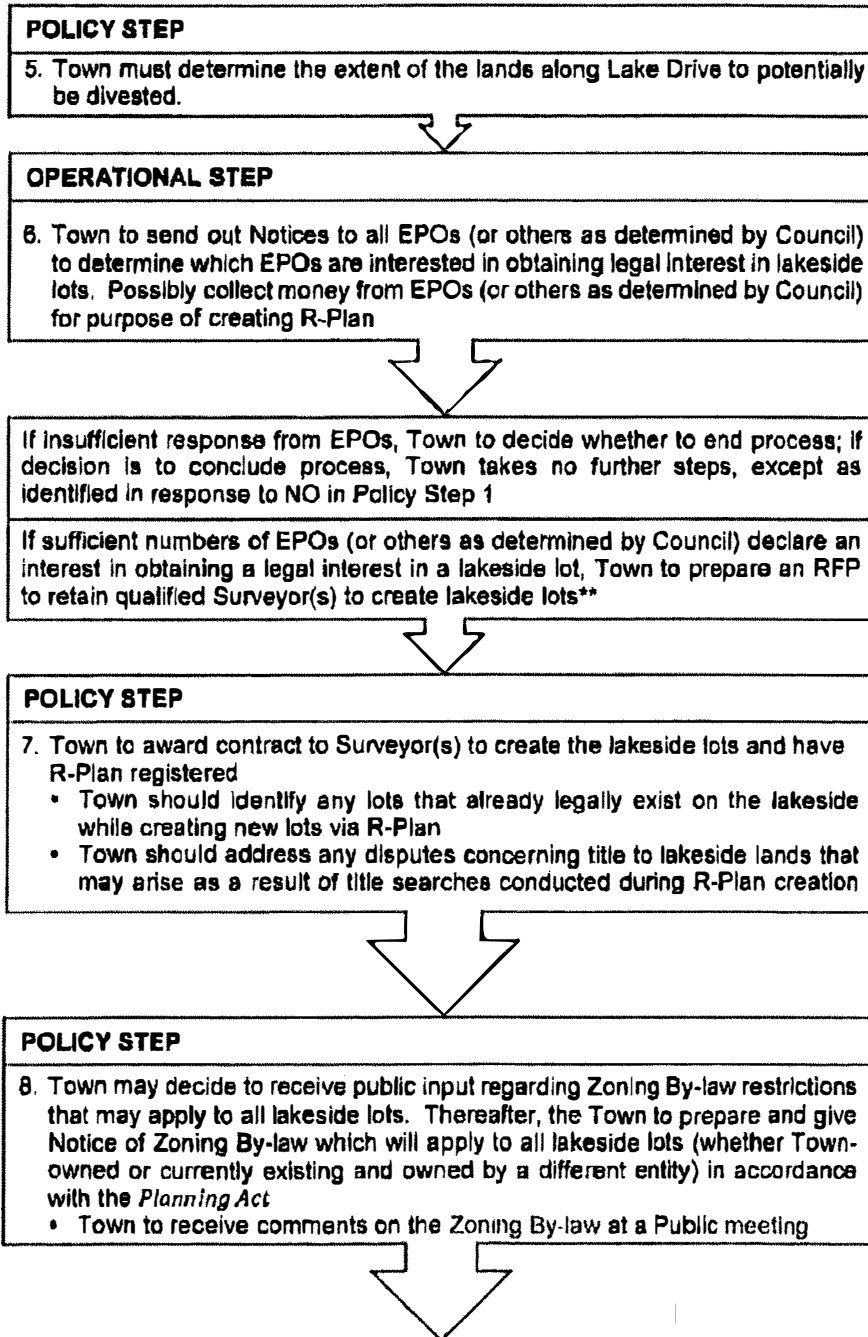
Note: the Action Plan Area Map does not imply that all the properties within the area are solely road allowance lands.



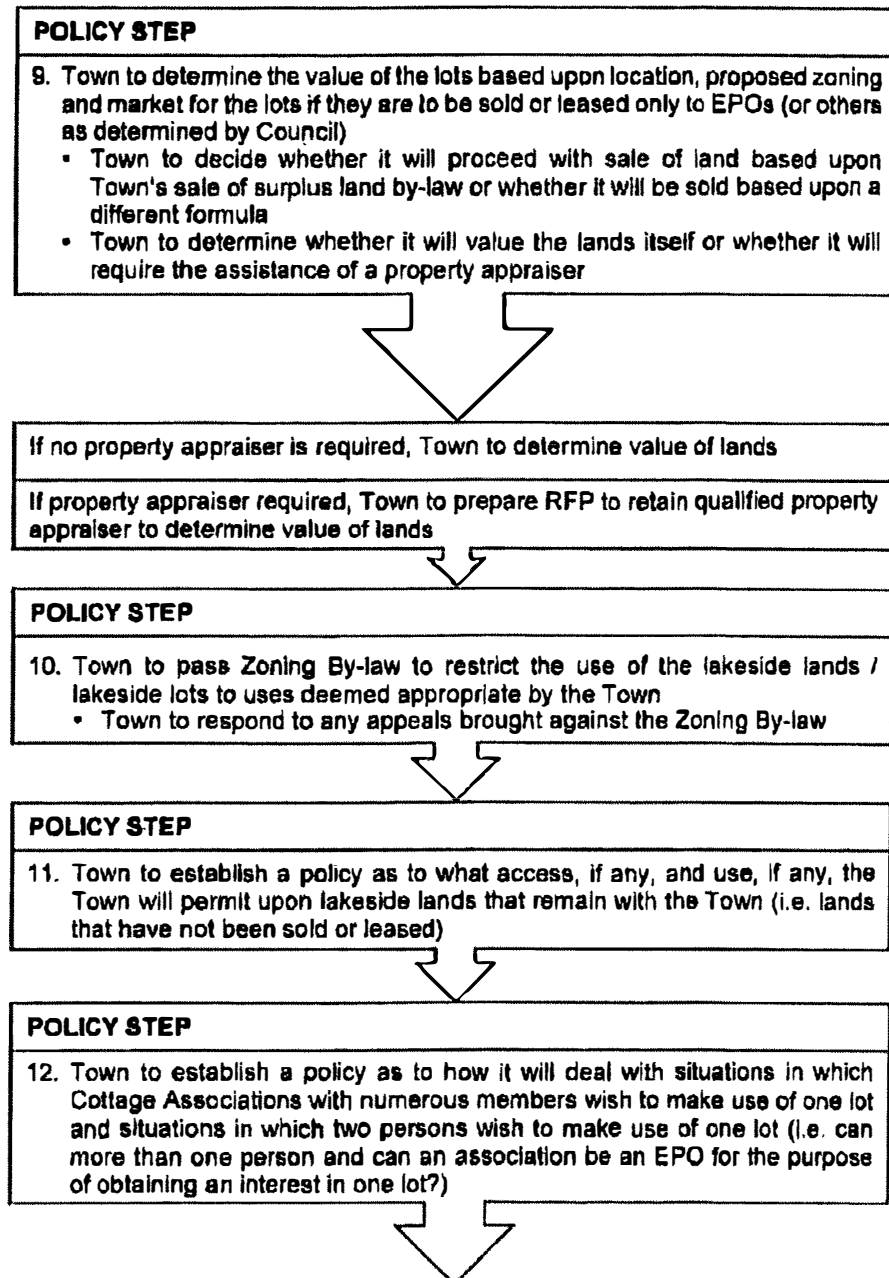
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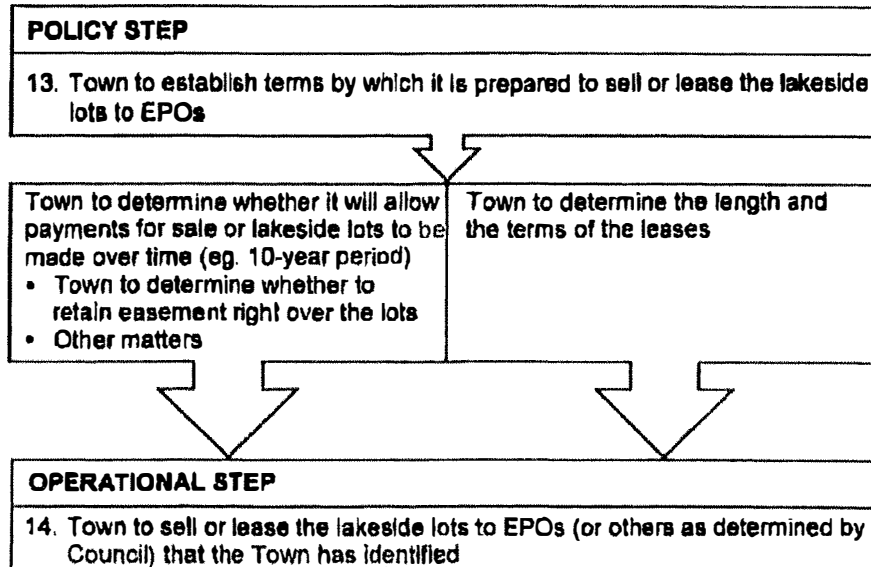
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****Definitions for the Purpose of the above Flow Chart**

"Lakeside lands" means the lands owned by the Town that are situate between the shoreline and the travelled portion of the road allowance. (Definition as revised by Council on August 10, 2022)

"Eligible Property Owner" means primarily the owners of property across the travelled portion of Lake Drive road allowance from the lakeside lot.

"Lakeside lots" means lots created upon the Lakeside lands.

*This Flow Chart is to be read as an overview of basic steps that should be undertaken. It is not an exhaustive list of each step that could or should necessarily be taken. Removing certain steps or adding additional steps may be necessary depending upon decisions made by Council and steps taken by third parties.

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Table 4: Town Project Cost

	100% Participation	94% Participation	67% Participation	50% Participation	25% Participation	0% Participation
Category 1: Project Costs						
Senior Project Manager (\$480K over 3 years)	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$480,000
Planner/GIS Specialist (\$308K over 3 years)	\$308,000	\$308,000	\$308,000	\$308,000	\$308,000	\$308,000
Communications Consultant (\$75K over 2-3 years)	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Planning Consultant (\$100K over 2-3 years)	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
External Legal Counsel (\$300K over 3 years)	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Subtotal	\$1,263,000	\$1,263,000	\$1,263,000	\$1,263,000	\$1,263,000	\$1,263,000
Category 2: Lot Creation Cost						
Survey Cost Per Lot (Resolution C-2022-0238): - Based on IBW Surveyors bid price \$655,059.00. - Includes 30% Contingency.	\$851,577	\$851,577	\$851,577	\$851,577	\$851,577	\$851,577
Land Transfer/Closing Cost	\$350,000	\$329,000	\$234,953	\$175,000	\$87,500	\$0
Subtotal	\$1,201,577	\$1,180,577	\$1,086,530	\$1,026,577	\$939,077	\$851,577
Category 3: Land Cost						
Not Applicable	-	-	-	-	-	-
EPO Cost (Recovery)						
For breakdown see Table 3: EPO Cost for Lakeside Lots	(\$3,500,000)	(\$3,290,000)	(\$2,349,530)	(\$1,750,000)	(\$875,000)	\$0
Estimated Cost						
Estimated Town Cost Based on Participation	(\$1,035,423)	(\$846,423)	(\$0)	\$539,577	\$1,327,077	\$2,114,577
Note: All costs are exclusive of HST.						

PROJECT MILESTONE	2023						2024												2025											
	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Project Resourcing																														
Project Reports to Council																														
Current State Analysis – Who owns What (Crown, Town, Private, etc.)																														
Identify lands/easements Town to retain & define Eligible Property Owners																														
Gauging interest from Identified Eligible Property Owners (EPOs)																														
Surveying																														
Official Plan/Zoning/Community Planning Permit System																														
Road Closure By-laws as required																														
Transfer ownership of Lakeside parcels																														
*PLEASE NOTE, THIS PROJECT SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY BE UPDATED AS REQUIRED																														

November 15, 2023

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

Re: Consultation on the future of natural gas expansion and home heating affordability

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Energy launched its [consultation on the future of natural gas expansion and home heating affordability](#). The Ministry is specifically seeking input from stakeholders on the future of the program, which will be used to inform next steps to address home heating costs in rural and northern Ontario and Indigenous communities.

I encourage you to have your voices heard by contributing your feedback. Your municipal perspective, interests and priorities could help shape the future of the program. Responses are due by December 15, 2023, and you can learn more about the consultation process on the Ministry's [website](#).

Phase 1 and 2 of Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Program were oversubscribed with more than 200 projects submitted for funding, indicating the overwhelming demand from municipalities and businesses for access to more cost-effective heating options. The natural gas expansion program can help businesses achieve annual cost savings of up to 30% each year on space and water heating, with homeowners realizing even greater savings. This affordability is vital for Ontario residents and businesses now more than ever.

Enbridge Gas will be contributing to this consultation and leveraging our experience planning and executing the projects that were selected in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of this program.

We continue to advocate for a modernized leave-to-construct application threshold and process for smaller pipeline projects to bring reliable affordable energy options to communities, homes, and businesses in a more cost-effective and timely manner – and to promote economic development and job creation across the province. I invite you to reach out to your local MPP, the Ministry of Energy and the Ontario Energy Board and add your support to this discussion. Attached to this correspondence is a draft resolution for your consideration.

While our work to expand access to natural gas continues so does our commitment to bringing alternative [energy solutions and fuels](#), such as renewable natural gas, hydrogen blending and energy conservation programs, as pathways to lower-cost, clean and reliable energy options for Ontarians. Enbridge Gas has been meeting Ontario's energy needs for more than 175 years; our customers rely on us to deliver clean, reliable, and cost-effective natural gas, and we are proud to deliver on this commitment.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or your municipal advisor, if you have any questions or would like to discuss these topics further.

Sincerely,



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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

DATE:

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS the Enbridge Gas has shared with [municipality name] key messages regarding the Ontario Energy Board's Leave to Construct (LTC) process, entitled "reducing red tape for more cost-effective, timely energy connections in Ontario;"

AND WHEREAS [municipality name] supports and wishes to endorse the recommendations put forward by Enbridge Gas in order to expedite the installation of natural gas to rural, remote or underserved communities such [municipality name];

NOW THEREBE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the [municipality name] petition the Ontario Government to expedite the implementation of the following recommendations:

- i) THAT the Government of Ontario move to modernize the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) Leave to Construct (LTC) process for smaller pipeline projects in order to bring reliable, affordable energy options to communities, homes and businesses in a more cost-effective and timely manner;
- ii) AND THAT the LTC cost threshold be updated from \$2M to \$10M for hydrocarbon lines (by amending Ontario Regulation O.Reg.328/03) while maintaining current requirements and expectations for Indigenous consultation and environmental review for projects greater than \$2M and less than \$10M;
- iii) AND THAT these outdated regulations are causing the LTC to apply far more broadly than intended when it was established over 20 years ago due to increased regulatory and cost pressures, as well as inflation, virtually all gas pipeline projects are now greater than \$2M rendering the threshold meaningless;
- iv) AND THAT roughly 0.5 KM pipe in urban settings now often exceeds the \$2M threshold;
- v) AND THAT modernizing these outdated regulations would reduce delays and costs for economic development initiatives including transit projects, community expansion projects, housing developments, connections for low carbon fuel blending (e.g.,

renewable natural gas, hydrogen) as well as residential and business customer connections;

vi) AND THAT based on OEB's performance standards, this proposal would save approx. 5-7 months of regulatory process which is in addition to the time needed to undertake Indigenous consultation and environmental review and prepare an application to the OEB;

vii) AND THAT the cost of preparing and having a LTC application heard ranges from approx. ~\$50,000 to ~\$200,000, which is passed on to customers;

viii) AND THAT while no cost-based threshold exists for electricity lines, there are a range of exemptions ensuring that LTC is only required for significant electricity projects and the proposed changes would help ensure that, consistent with electricity projects, LTC for hydrocarbon lines would only be required for significant projects;

ix) AND THAT increasing the cost threshold to \$10M would closer align Ontario with other Canadian jurisdictions (e.g., in B.C., these thresholds are \$15M for electricity and \$20M for natural gas);

2. AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith, The Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy and all regional municipalities requesting support of the proposed changes regarding reducing red tape for more cost-effective, timely energy connections in Ontario.

MAYOR