



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

From: Malcolm Hunt, Director, Planning and Development Services

Meeting Date: September 26, 2016

Subject: Report PLPD16-073
Airport Road: Land Exchange with County of Peterborough

Purpose

A report to recommend a land exchange with the County of Peterborough to implement the Airport Road realignment.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report PLPD16-073 dated September 26, 2016, of the Director, Planning and Development Services, as follows:

- a) That the lands required by the County of Peterborough to implement the realignment of Airport Road be declared surplus to the requirements of the City and be conveyed to the County of Peterborough, at no cost, for the purposes of constructing a public street.
- b) That the City accept, at no cost, the sections of the existing Airport Road that the County will stop up and close.
- c) That a by-law be passed to authorize the required conveyances and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute any agreement that may be required to give effect to the land exchange and the County's need to commence construction expeditiously.

Budget and Financial Implications

The addition of the Airport Road right of way to Airport lands may require an adjustment to the Airport Operations contract to provide maintenance and winter control on a roadway not currently in the scope of the Loomex contract. Airport Road south of Mervin Line is showing significant evidence of heavy use and will require resurfacing when major construction activity is completed. This road will be a significant internal access road for airport businesses and will also require the installation of airport street lighting.

Background

Since 2010 the City and County of Peterborough have sought a cooperative outcome to the County's difficult decision to close Airport Road in support of the City's Airport Expansion program. At the City's request the County agreed to stop up and close Airport Road under the provisions of the Municipal Act. In consideration the City provided the County with an unconditional financial contribution of \$2.5 million.

It was agreed at that time that the County would convey the closed portion of Airport Road to the City for a nominal sum (\$2.00). The City agreed to convey to the County, for a nominal sum, any land that the County might require from the Airport to implement an alternative road project, provided the land was not integral to the operation and future expansion of the Airport.

The County completed a Class Environmental Assessment to determine the need and justification for the reconnection of Airport Road. The EA process concluded with a preferred long term alignment that does not prejudice the operation and future expansion of the Airport. Airport staff were fully engaged in the Class EA process to ensure that the interests of the airport were understood and respected.

County Council recently awarded the contract to construct the road. Accordingly it is appropriate to take the measures necessary to implement the commitments made in 2010.

The County will stop up, close and convey to the City the remaining portions of Airport Road south of Mervin Line and north of Moncrief Line. This will turn Airport Road within the Airport ownership into an internal driveway just as the other Airport access roads are. The City will transfer the land required for the Airport Road realignment to the County. A draft reference plan for the new road is appended as Exhibit A. The right of way width of the realignment will vary to accommodate the side slopes of an elevated road base. The final elevation of the new road will exceed the regulatory flood elevation to ensure it provides safe access. The elevation of the road will not conflict with the Obstacle Limitation Surface of the airport.

The County's road design accommodates the long range drainage needs of the Airport. The County will permit the Airport lands to access the new road as may be required to support future aviation business.

As construction will commence immediately and the property transfers will take additional time to complete due process, the City will need to grant permission to the County to enter and construct subject to insurance and the appropriate indemnities, satisfactory to the City.

The reconstruction of Airport Road will prove in the long term to be helpful to the Airport's ongoing development. The east of Airport Road Industrial Expansion currently under construction will require a road to access the most easterly industrial sites. The Airport Road realignment will serve that purpose. The land presently occupied by the southerly leg of Airport Road can now be studied as a possible enhancement of the General Aviation land needs of the Airport using the installed cross wind runway infrastructure. The existing General Aviation Area is now fully occupied.

At a very practical level it will be possible for Airport service vehicles to access the south side of the airport without utilizing the active airfield. The lands south of the main runway will have greater utility by being linked to the main Airport campus by the new road alignment.

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Attachments:

Exhibit A – Draft Reference Plan
Exhibit B – Aerial Photo Showing Road Realignment

Exhibit A, page 1 of 1 - Draft Reference Plan

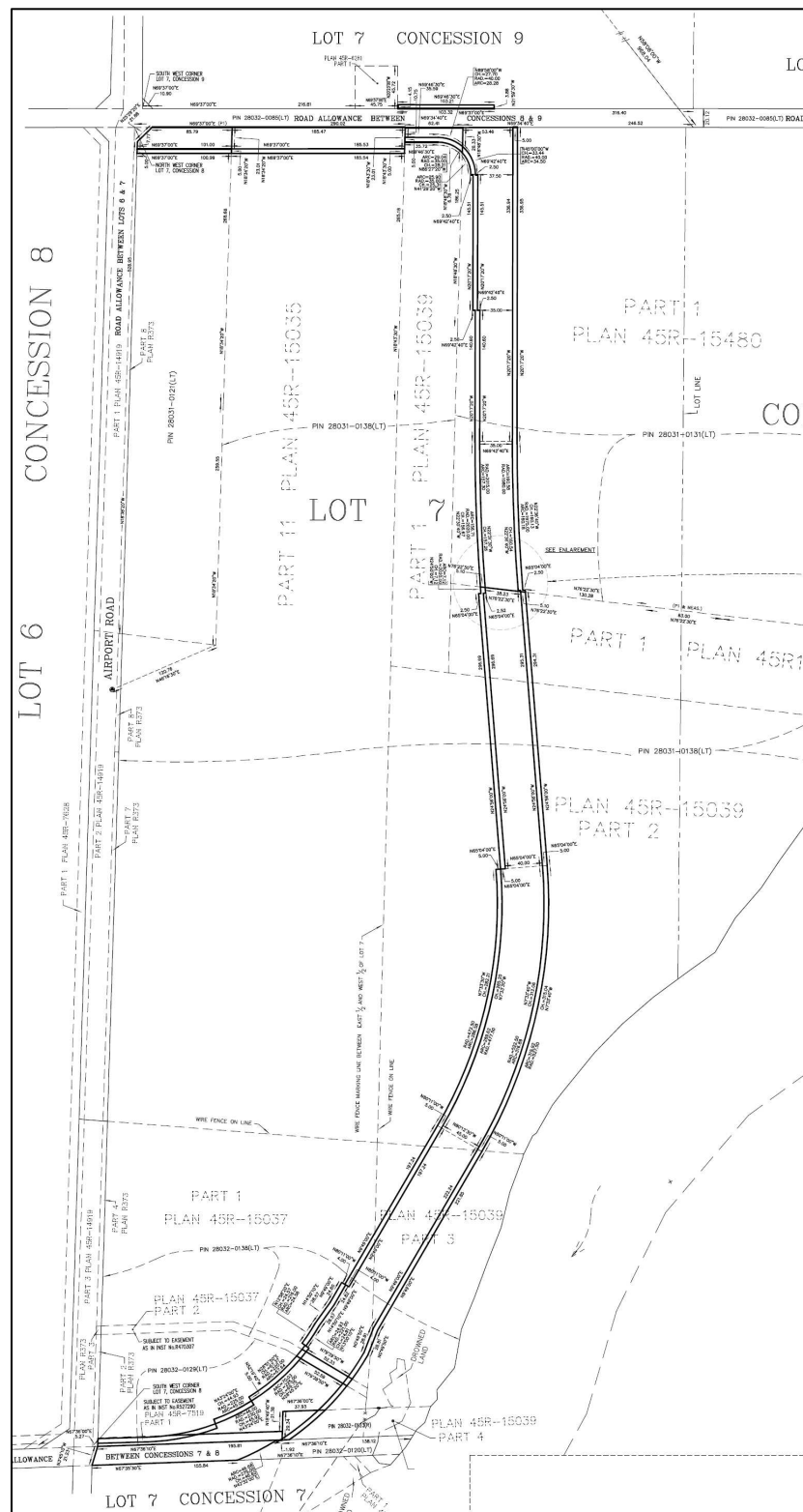


Exhibit B, page 1 of 1 – Aerial Photo Showing Road Realignment

