

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

From: Allan Seabrooke, Acting Director, Planning & Development

Services

Meeting Date: December 5, 2016

Subject: Report PLPD16-082

Purchase of Property at 1100 Water Street

Purpose

A report to recommend the purchase of a residential property at 1100 Water Street to complete the City land assembly on the east side of Water Street for conservation, public open space and future municipal use including trails and parks.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report PLPD16-082 dated December 5, 2016, of the Acting Director of Planning & Development Services as follows:

- a) That a by-law be passed to authorize the purchase of property known municipally as 1100 Water St., for \$182,000 plus legal costs of \$1,500 and land transfer tax of \$1,560; and
- b) That upon completion of the transaction, the building be demolished for an estimated cost of \$40,000 inclusive of environmental consulting fees.

Budget and Financial Implications

This purchase and demolition will be funded from the General Property Reserve fund. Until the dwelling is demolished the City will incur security and utility costs.

Background

Staff has now been able to negotiate with the owner and purchase the property. This acquisition will allow the City to continue assembling properties along the west side of the Otonabee River for open space purposes. The property was previously appraised in 2013 at a value of \$182,000.

The Official Plan for the City sets out that the shoreline of the Otonabee River and the Trent Severn Waterway, supplemented by other key regional and community park areas, be set aside as the City's Major Open Space Areas. As such it is recommended that the City purchase the property and retain ownership for public use, in perpetuity.

As the residence will not be resold, a home inspection will not be conducted but a Designated Substance Survey will be completed prior to demolition.

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Aerial and Street Views

Appendix B – Assembly of waterfront properties

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1100 Water St. front view



1100 Water St. alternate view

Appendix A, Page 2 of 2 (Aerial and Street Views)



Aerial picture showing property to be acquired

Appendix B, (Other City owned property in the vicinity)



Map showing City owned property (in red) near 1100 Water St. (in blue)