



Staff Report

Report To: South Huron Council
From: **Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk**
Date: November 2 2020
Report: CAO 19.2020
Subject: McConnell Street Road Closure Request

Recommendations:

That the report of D. Best, Chief Administrative Officer dated November 2, 2020 regarding a request to close McConnell Street for construction purposes be received; and

That Council authorize the closure of McConnell Street as presented as an attachment to this report; and

That Staff be authorized to amend/adjust the closing of McConnell Street and preparation for construction of Walper Street and McConnell Street as required; and

That a Development Agreement be entered into with West Market Inc. respecting the closure of McConnell Street and the preparation for construction of Walper Street and McConnell Street.

Purpose:

Approval

Background and Analysis:

In order to ensure safe traffic management during the construction of the West Market Inc. development on McConnell Street, Staff requested a plan to be submitted by the developer respecting traffic control, construction

zone and signage that would have an impact on both McConnell Street and Walper Street.

The developer (through Paradigm Transportation Solutions) submitted a proposal for review on October 19, 2020. Staff submitted the proposal to be peer reviewed by BMRoss which is included as an attachment to this report.

A highlighting of the comments from the engineer are as follows:

- There are traffic safety concerns regarding a single lane closure and this is not recommended. However, a full road closure of a section of McConnell Street for the duration of this project is supported, including the use of the closed roadway for construction staging, material and equipment storage to facilitate the construction of the Apartment Building project.
- The location of the road closure north of the project site is acceptable, provided a temporary turn-around is provided for emergency vehicles. The temporary turn-around is required to be delineated/fenced to keep traffic contained within the turn-around area.
- The location of the south road closure is to be at Thames Road and the Wendy's/Pioneer Gas Bar entrance off McConnell is to be closed.
- Suitable measures are to be taken to prevent cut through traffic on private property between McConnell and Francis Street.
- The Canada Post mail boxes on McConnell Street will be required to be relocated and reinstated upon completion of the project.
- The developer will be responsible for any damage to the roadway and be responsible for all road maintenance, including snow removal in the closed section of roadway for the duration of the project.

It is anticipated that construction will begin this coming week that can be facilitated by a temporary road closure related to work within the road allowance up to the property line. This work can be conducted as a normal business practice.

Prior to the commencement of work on-site (that requires a building permit), it is critical that any road closure plan is finalized.

Financial Impact:

There are no financial implications as a result of the actions outlined in this memo

Legal Impact:

There are no financial implications as a result of the actions outlined in this memo

Staffing Impact:

There are no financial implications as a result of the actions outlined in this memo

Consultation:

D. Giberson, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services
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Related Documents:

Exeter Apartments Mobilization Plan Revised 2020.10.29
Exeter Apartments Mobilization Plan 2020.10.07
BMRoss Report
Paradigm Report

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk