



TASK FORCE REPORT

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Date April 20, 2021

To Chair and Members
Committee of the Whole – Community Development

From Chair and Members
Mohawk Lake District Working Group

1.0 Type of Report

Consent Item ☐

Item For Consideration ☒

2.0 Topic Mohawk Lake District Working Group Report #2021-04-12

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Mohawk Lake District – Real Estate Strategy, 2021-307:

- A. THAT the Manager of Real Estate BE DELEGATED authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between The Corporation of the City of Brantford and Lansdowne Children's Centre, and a Memorandum of Understanding between The Corporation of the City of Brantford and the De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre, for the purposes of working towards Agreements of Purchase and Sale to effect the disposition of land within the Mohawk Lake District to each of the aforementioned organizations, which Agreements of Purchase and Sale shall be subject to Council approval and shall contains such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the City Solicitor or designate; and

- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED initiate survey work of the approximately 9.7 acre parcel identified in the Mohawk Lake District Plan as Institutional, to delineate and prepare two parcels of land for disposition to the community groups identified in recommendation A, above; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to commence an Expression of Interest process for the lands identified in the Mohawk Lake District Plan as multi-storey, mixed use Commercial/Residential, consisting of approximately 9.2 acres; and
- D. THAT an Evaluation Committee BE ESTABLISHED for the purposes of evaluating responses to the Mohawk Lake District EOI identified in recommendation C, above, consisting of the Mohawk Lake District Plan Working Group, or, should the Working Group not expand its mandate, the Mayor, both Ward 5 Councillors, the Chief Administrative Office, the General Manager of Public Works, and the General Manager of People, Legislated Services and Planning, with support from the Planning Department, Purchasing Division, and the Legal and Real Estate Services Department, and;
- E. THAT the lands identified within the Mohawk Lake District Plan as Transitional/Institutional use BE RESERVED for the future development or expansion of a museum district or as part of the community park to be developed on the adjacent lands.

3.2 Mohawk Lake District Working Group Mandate, 2021-324

- A. THAT the Staff Liaison Report regarding the Mohawk Lake District Working Group Mandate BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Mohawk Lake District Working Group mandate BE EXPANDED as recommended in Option 2 of this Report; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to prepare an Option “2-B” to this Report as to how the mandate might be further expanded to address the balance of the Greenwich Mohawk lands and the holistic implementation of the Mohawk Lake District Plan, and TO BRING this report to the next Mohawk Lake District Working Group meeting for its consideration.

3.3 Mohawk Lake District – Billboard Cost, 2021-327

THAT the information regarding the cost to erect a billboard to promote the Mohawk Lake District Project BE RECEIVED.

4.0 Background

At its meeting held on April 12, 2021, the Mohawk Lake District Working Group considered three reports from municipal staff, which are attached as appendices to this Task Force Report. The following sub-sections briefly describes each report and explains amendments to the recommendations that were moved and approved by the members of the Mohawk Lake District Working Group.

4.1.1 The Mohawk Lake District – Real Estate Strategy, 2021-307

The “Mohawk Lake District – Real Estate Strategy” (Report 2021-307), attached as **Appendix A**, is a report from Legal and Real Estate Staff that describes the conclusion of the Expression of Interest Process for the Mohawk Lake District that addressed interest from various community groups to locate within the District area. Report 2021-307 concludes that there are two community groups who are prepared to move forward with their request for land within the District. Additionally, Report 2021-307 outlines a recommended procedure for consideration to move forward with the community groups, as well as to dispose of other city-owned District area lands through another expression of interest process to attract private sector development, and to retain certain city-owned District area lands for future municipal purposes.

At the April 12th meeting, the members of the Working Group moved and carried the recommendations of Report 2021-307 with an amendment to clause “D”. Section 3 Recommendations to this “Mohawk Lake District Working Group Report 04.12.21” includes the approved recommendations with the amended clause “D”.

4.1.2 Mohawk Lake District Working Group Mandate, 2021-324

The “Mohawk Lake District Working Group Mandate” (Report 2021-324), attached as **Appendix B**, is a report from the Staff Liaison for the task force that describes that the current mandate of the Working Group is reaching its conclusion. Report 2021-324 recommends that the Working Group approve Option 2 of the Report which is the mandate be expanded to address the following “Provide guidance and assist in the process of executing an overall disposition and retention strategy for the Mohawk Lake District lands”.

At the April 12th meeting, the members of the Working Group moved and carried the recommendations of Report 2021-324, with the addition of a new clause “C”. Section 3 Recommendations to this “Mohawk Lake District Working Group Report 04.12.21” includes the approved recommendations with clause “C”.

4.1.3 Mohawk Lake District Billboard Cost, 2021-327

The “Mohawk Lake District Billboard Cost” (Report 2021-327), attached as **Appendix C**, is a report from the Staff Liaison for the task force that responds to a request for information regarding the cost of erecting a billboard to promote the Mohawk Lake District Project.

At its April 12th meeting, the members of the Working Group moved and carried the recommendation to receive Report 2021-327 for information.

5.0 Conclusion

Per the City of Brantford Procedural By-law (Chapter 15 of the Brantford Municipal Code), the recommendations of the Mohawk Lake District Working Group must be considered and approved by the Committee of the Whole – Community Development and City Council.

The Mohawk Lake District Working Group respectfully presents the recommendations moved and passed at its meeting on April 12, 2021 to Committee of the Whole – Community Development for its consideration.



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Mohawk Lake District Working Group

Attachments:

Appendix A Mohawk Lake District – Real Estate Strategy, 2021-307

Appendix B Mohawk Lake District Working Group Mandate, 2021-324

Appendix C Mohawk Lake District Billboard Cost, 2021-327