



TASK FORCE REPORT

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To Chair and Members
Mohawk Lake District Working Group

From Tara Tran, Senior Planner, Staff Liaison to Mohawk Lake District Working Group

1.0 Type of Report

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2.0 Topic Mohawk Lake District Working Group Mandate

3.0 Recommendation

- A. THAT the Staff Liaison Report regarding the Mohawk Lake District Working Group Mandate BE RECEIVED; and that
- B. THAT the Mohawk Lake District Working Group mandate BE EXPANDED as recommended in Option 2 of this Report.

4.0 Background

The Mohawk Lake District Working Group was initiated in May 2017. The mandate of this task force of Council is:

"The Mohawk Lake District Working Group's mandate is to meet quarterly to review the requests of community groups interested in re-locating to the Mohawk Lake District and to report back to Council through the Committee of the Whole – Community Development with recommendations as to how to address the community groups' requests. The Working Group shall be comprised of 5 Councillors (one from each Ward) and the Mayor as ex-officio."

Over the course of 10 meetings, the mandate of this group is reaching its conclusion. It is anticipated that following the meeting on April 12, 2021, the Mohawk Lake District Working Group's mandate to address the community groups' requests to re-locate to the Mohawk Lake District will be achieved.

The City of Brantford's Procedural By-Law (Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code) defines how task forces are created. Every task force is expected to define a meeting schedule and identify specific tasks and report-back dates in order to complete its mandate.

At this time, the Mohawk Lake District Working Group is at a point where its mandate should be expanded if it wishes to continue as a task force of Council or the task force should otherwise disband. The following section outlines options for consideration. It is noted that amendments to the Mohawk Lake District Working Group's mandate must be considered and approved by the Committee of the Whole – Community Development and City Council to take effect.

5.0 Analysis

5.1 Options Regarding the Mandate

Whereas the Mohawk Lake District Working Group has achieved its mandate, the following options can be considered:

5.1.1 Option 1: Recommendation to Dissolve the Task Force

A. THAT the Mohawk Lake District Working Group BE DISBANDED.

Choosing this option would dissolve the task force and members would be relieved of their positions.

5.1.2 Option 2: Recommendation to Expand the Mandate

A. THAT the Mohawk Lake District Working Group's mandate be expanded to provide guidance and assist in the process of executing an overall disposition and retention strategy for the Mohawk Lake District lands.

Choosing this option would maintain the current membership and appointment terms of the task force; however, the mandate is expanded to additional tasks related to the overall disposition and retention strategy for the Mohawk Lake

District lands as described in the April 12, 2021 task force report from Legal and Real Estate staff: “Mohawk Lake District – Real Estate Strategy”.

Additional tasks could include the following:

- i.* The task force may assign members to take part in reviewing submissions if the disposition strategy involves the preparation of an expression of interest process to dispose of lands.
- ii.* The task force could make recommendations to City Council on other matters related to the process of implementing the Mohawk Lake District Real Estate Strategy.

5.2 Composition and Appointment Terms

The composition of the Mohawk Lake District Working Group would remain the same: 5 Councillors (one from each Ward) and the Mayor as ex-officio. The appointment terms are one year.

It is noted that the Long Range Planning provides the staff liaison for the Mohawk Lake District Working Group. Other staff members from additional city departments may participate and provide expertise and leadership to the task force depending on the tasks and projects.

5.3 Meeting Dates and Reporting Structure

The meeting schedule of the Mohawk Lake District Working Group shall remain on a quarterly basis, but may also depend on the tasks according to the mandate.

The Mohawk Lake District Working Group would prepare recommendations for consideration by the Committee of the Whole – Community Development or the equivalent committee meeting of council.

6.0 Conclusion

The current mandate of the Mohawk Lake District Working Group has concluded. This report outlines options to expand the mandate to identify new tasks. If the mandate is not expanded, the Mohawk Lake District Working Group ought to disband.

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