

**STAFF REPORT:**

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**



**REPORT TO:** Infrastructure & Recreation Committee  
**MEETING DATE:** February 14, 2012  
**REPORT NO.:** DOR.12.3  
**SUBJECT:** Waterfront Inventory  
**PREPARED BY:** Shawn Everitt  
Director of Recreation

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR. 12.3 entitled “Waterfront Inventory” for information purposes, and direct Staff to proceed with engaging the Public and Residents in developing an opportunities plan through a Public Consultation Process as outlined in this Report.

**B. Background**

In June 2011 Recreation Staff were contacted by a resident from Cameron Street in regards to the status and available use of water front access points along Cameron Street. Staff reviewed the area and referred to the appropriate plans of subdivisions in that area as well completed on site inspections to locate and identify the 10<sup>th</sup> Line Right of Way, as well as the five Streets accessing water front identified in Plan 723. Upon review of the adjacent Plan of Subdivision 389 it was determined that the four lanes identified within Plan 389 are for private use and not owned by the Town. During this review a number of residents of the specified area contacted staff in regards to a variety of existing uses as well as concerns about promotion of these access points for public use.

July 12, 2011 Recreation Staff presented Report DOR 11.049 requesting that staff develop a waterfront Access Strategy. With several inquiries from the Residents on Cameron Street within the Plan 723, Report DOR 11.049 was followed up with Report DOR 11.058 on September 27, 2011 in regards to Water access points specifically in the Cameron Street area. In this report two Plans of Subdivisions were referred to as Plans within the specified area. Plan 389 and Plan 723 were the two Plans specifically referred to. Council approved the following recommendation.

**That Council receive Staff Report DOR.11.058 entitled “Cameron Street Waterfront Access Strategy” and direct staff to not proceed with development preparation of any of the five Waterfront Access Points, at this time along Cameron Street;**

**AND THAT Staff bring back a plan for Community Consultation to develop an abbreviated parks management plan for the use of water access points;**

**AND THAT Staff receive input from the Community Consultation on the development of Waterfront access points.**

At the November 22, 2011 Infrastructure & Recreation meeting, Recreation Staff provided Report DOR 11.72 to Council outlining a Public Engagement Strategy for all waterfront access points. With the approval of this report staff has developed the first stage of creating an inventory of all Waterfront Access Points that are in ownership of the Town. As part of this phase Town Staff have reviewed all locations on the basis of five points making up the criteria for inclusion into this Report;

- 1) Review of County of Grey GIS mapping to determine visible access points to Waterfront
- 2) Review of Plans of Subdivision for each specific waterfront access point
- 3) Determination of type ownership of access points
- 4) Determination of type of access points. Right of Way, Street, Laneway, Block, Parkland.
- 5) On site inspection and documentation of existing conditions.

Based on the information gathered during this process Staff has determined that a total of 20 waterfront access points are clearly within Town ownership. The majority of these locations are relatively easy to determine ownership through review of the Plans of Subdivision and ultimately on site inspections. Existing conditions also provide guidance as to the property's historical and present use. However there are also locations that with an initial site inspection, the actual physical location identification requires a more involved inspection to determine the lands separation from Private land to the Public lands boundary.

Staff has also determined through this process that some properties do require additional review and legal review may be required to determine precedents on similar types of properties where existing Plan of Subdivisions have been approved through Judges Plan. This situation exists within the Plan 529 area.

Attached within this report, Staff has identified each of the town owned properties and identified the current conditions and historical use of each of these properties. Staff has not recommended any development or future additional use of any property within this report. Staff if directed by Council will continue the next phase of this process and begin community consultation and develop a future use report that also would identify costs of potential development and maintenance of each individual property.

#### **C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

- Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs
- Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the community
- Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community

#### **D. Environmental Impacts**

Ensuring that sustainable and appropriate use of town owned waterfront properties.

#### **E. Financial Impact**

Continuing this process will require staff time. Recreation Department has identified this project within the 2012 work plan.

#### **F. In Consultation With**

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Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and Drainage

Stephen Keast, Administrative Assistant

Terry Green, Manager of Parks & Trails

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**G. Attached**

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- 1) DOR.11.049 Water Access Strategy
- 2) DOR.11.058 Cameron Street Waterfront Access Strategy
- 3) DOR.11.58 Revised Recommendation
- 4) DOR.11.72 Waterfront Access Public Engagement Strategy
- 5) Plan of Subdivision and Property Specific Inventory

Respectfully submitted,

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