



Subject: Licence of Land for Public Recreational Uses – Hydro One Inc. Corridor Rolling Meadows Plan of Subdivision

Report to: Thorold City Council

Recommendations

1. That Council **APPROVE IN PRINCIPAL** the execution of a License Agreement with the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation to establish, construct and maintain a recreational trail system on lands currently in use by Hydro One Networks Inc. as an electricity transmission/distribution corridor in the Rolling Meadows Secondary Plan.
2. That the License Agreement(s) be brought forward for execution at the time of registration of the various development agreements.

Key Facts

- The Rolling Meadows Secondary Plan approved by Council identifies future land uses which provide for the orderly development in a rapidly growing area of the community.
- This Secondary Plan includes a number of major utility corridors that service other communities both within and outside municipal boundaries.
- These corridors will provide an off-road, recreational opportunity for future residents to access future parkland facilities, green spaces and commercial properties.
- Council's direction to secure access to these lands at this time will guide future decisions regarding parkland location and greenspace connectivity.
- The actual execution of the License Agreement will NOT occur until the respective Plans of Subdivision and/or Site Plans over which this corridor crosses are registered.

Budgetary Status

There are no budget impacts at this time. The cost of developing and maintaining the trail network will be determined through the regular subdivision/site plan approval process.

Analysis

The Rolling Meadows Secondary Plan has a number of major utility corridors that cross the planning area. The corridors will provide an opportunity for passive recreational use.

One of these corridors is managed by the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) and is currently being used by Hydro One Networks Inc. to operate a Transmission/Distribution System (See Appendix 1). Staff have inquired about possible recreational uses on the land recognizing that future greenspace and parkland locations could be optimized. OILC has a standard agreement that sets out the terms and conditions under which these properties could be used for public recreational purposes (See Appendix 2).

The development of the remaining phases of the Secondary Plan are expected to be advanced over the next couple of years and Council's direction to secure License Agreements is important to the planning, design and strategy for future maintenance of these corridors.

Impact on the Environment, Climate Change

There are no known environmental or climate change related impacts to this Report.

Alternatives Reviewed

The alternative would exclude legal public access.

Relationship to Strategic Plan

The recommendation is consistent which Council's Strategic Goals to create;

- Vibrant and Prosperous Community
 - Livable Community
 - Community Wellbeing
- Sustainability
 - Sustainable Infrastructure
 - Environmental Sustainability

Other Pertinent Reports

None.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 OILC Hydro Corridor

Appendix 2 Draft Licence of Land For Public Recreational Uses