

The Township of The Archipelago

Information Report to Committee

Report No.: PLANNING-2024-02

Date: November 21, 2024

Originator: Cale Henderson, Manager of Development & Environmental Services

Subject: Site Alteration and Tree Preservation By-law Status Update

BACKGROUND

During the October Committee of the Whole Meeting, Rebecca Elphick, Planner, from J.L Richards provided an update to Council regarding the comments received during the summer Open House meetings, and recommendations on how to implement those comments were presented to Committee for their comment and consideration.

Following that meeting during the October Council meeting, Council passed the following resolutions:

Site Alteration By-law

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Township Staff and JLR to continue to refine and scope the draft site alteration by-law and to bring to Council a revised draft for approval at a future meeting, which includes the provision to delegate authority to staff to grant relief from the by-laws on a case-by-case basis.

Tree Preservation By-law

NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Township staff and JLR to continue to refine and scope the tree preservation by-law; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Township staff and JLR to proceed with revisions to the final Tree Preservation By-law, with particular attention to incorporating additional flexibility through activities that are exempted in the By-law and improving the language of the By-law in areas that caused confusion, concern, or misunderstanding from the public; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Tree Preservation By-law be further revised to incorporate Recommendation 3, Option 1 of JLR's October 2024 Report, being to include an exemption within the final draft Tree Preservation By-law which allows for the injuring or destruction of trees in the shoreline buffer area to a maximum width of 25% of the shoreline frontage, or 25 metres, whichever is the lesser; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that staff and JLR bring to Council a revised draft of the Tree Preservation By-law for approval at a future meeting, which includes the provision to delegate authority to staff to grant relief from the By-laws on a case-by-case basis.

NEXT STEPS

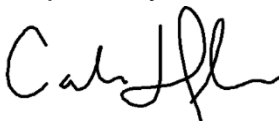
J.L Richards and Township staff are currently reviewing and revising the draft by-laws which will be presented to Council at the December meeting. Once Council has approved the draft by-laws at the December meeting and given direction to staff that they are acceptable, the final by-laws will be presented to Council at the January meeting for adoption. This will provide staff with an opportunity to ensure that the public has had time to review the by-laws before they have been adopted and to ensure adequate circulation and communication to the public.

Timeline Overview	
Date	Description
October – 2024	- Public Feedback from Summer Open Houses presented to Committee and Council direction obtained.
Oct/Nov – 2024	- J.L. Richards refining/finalizing by-laws per Council direction.
November - 2024	- Status update provided to Committee.
December – 2024	- Draft By-laws presented to Committee.
January – 2025	- Final By-laws presented to Council for Adoption, with public notice posted on website/social media.

CONCLUSION

Staff are continuing to refine and scope the draft by-laws which will be presented to Council in December.

Respectfully Submitted,



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I concur with this report,



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