Consideration of Surplus Disposal 248 Highway 2, Enfield, PID 45147741 E.H. Horne School

Public Hearing January 24, 2024

Corporate Services Department



Background

- The E.H. Horne School is located at 248 Highway 2, Enfield (the "Subject Property") and is leased to the E.H. Horne School Preservation Society (the "Society").
- As part of the lease renewal for the 2021-2024, Council was clear on its intention for the Society to assume ownership of the Subject Property at the end of lease term, March 31, 2024.
- May 2023 Council declared the Subject Property surplus to municipal needs and offered the Society first option to purchase the Subject Property.
- July 2023 The Society agreed to proceed with discussions to purchase the Subject Property.
- September 2023 Council authorized the CAO to execute a new easement over Convent Road in favour of the Enfield Water Tower Property, and authorized the CAO to enter into an agreement of purchase and sale with the Society for the Subject Property.
- October 2023 The Society was presented with an agreement of purchase and sale.



Background - Agreement of Purchase and Sale

- Closing Date: March 28, 2024
 - Lease agreement terminates as of Closing Date
- Due Diligence Date: January 4, 2024
- Agreement is subject to a successful public hearing
- "As is, where is" condition
- Property to be conveyed by Warranty Deed, with covenant that Subject Property shall be used by the Society for community purposes only and that should the Society decide to sell the Subject Property they will reconvey it to East Hants for \$1.00



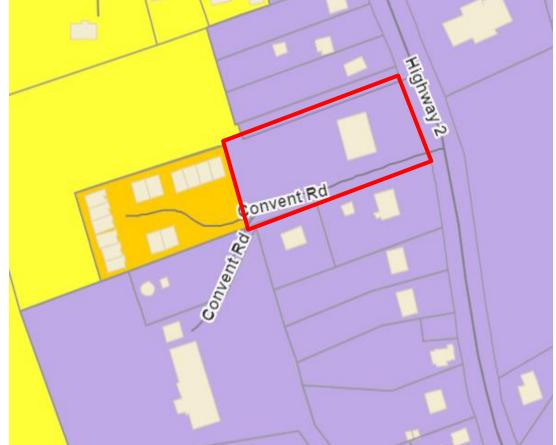
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- The Municipality's powers to sell surplus property is governed by the Municipal Government Act ("MGA"), further supported by Council's Disposal of Surplus Property Policy (the "Policy").
- Section 51 of the MGA requires a municipal council to hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled council meeting respecting the sale of a property to a non-profit organization for less than market value.
- The Society is incorporated as a society under the Societies Act; a legal structure option for non-profit organizations.
- In compliance with MGA advertising requirements, the first advertisement appeared in the Chronicle Herald on January 10, 2024 and the second appeared on January 17, 2024. Notice was also posted to easthants.ca and social media. The ads complied with MGA requirements.

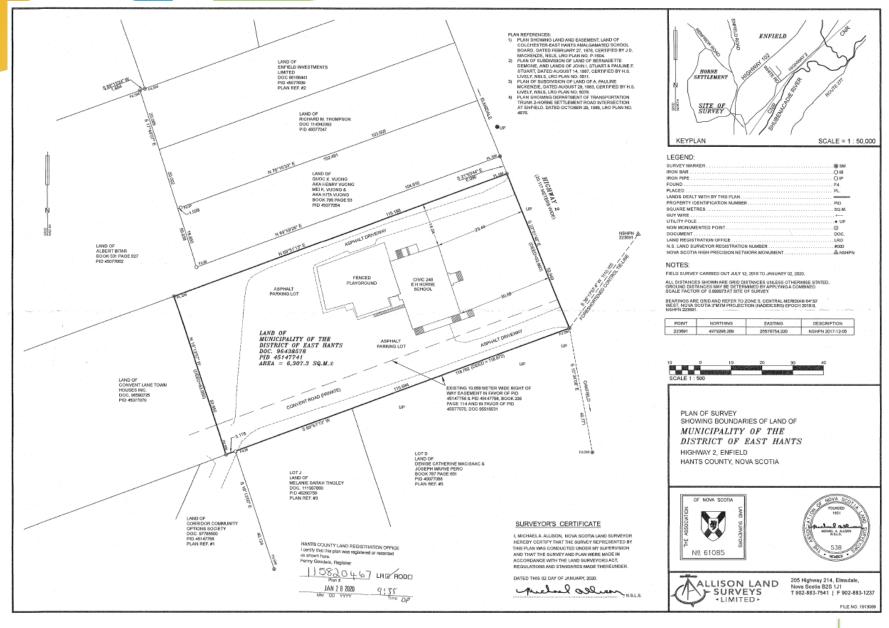


Subject Property

- The total size of the Subject Property is approximately 6307 square meters (1.56 acre).
- The property is zoned Village Core (VC).
- Surrounding lands are zoned Village Core (VC) and Two Dwelling Unit Residential (R2).
- Access to the adjacent municipal Water Tower Property, CCOA and townhome properties is secured via historical easements over Convent Road (private). An additional new easement in favour of the Water Tower was registered in November 2023 to clarify access and maintenance responsibilities.













Conclusion

Staff have complied with the MGA and Council Policy for the disposal of municipal property to a non-profit organization.



Recommendation

Staff recommend that Council proceed with the disposal.

Recommended Motion

Move that Council authorize the CAO to proceed with the sale of 2848 Highway 2, Enfield, PID 45147766, to E.H. Horne School Preservation Society for \$1.00, with right of first refusal and buy-back covenants in favour of East Hants.

