



Request for Decision

Council Meeting: February 12, 2019

8.15 - Potential Sale of Railway Ave Mallaig

Request

At the September 14, 2018 Council meeting, Council directed administration to survey effected residents regarding interest in the potential purchase of the portion of Railway Ave that is adjacent to the landowners' properties. A letter was sent to landowners on November 6, 2018 with a follow-up letter sent January 16, 2019.

Of the 17 lot owners adjacent to Railway Ave, 12 have responded to date. 8 lot owners may wish to purchase, 4 lot owners do not wish to purchase and 5 have not responded.

Written comments and concerns were received from those who may wish to purchase this land. Concerns regarding the cost of acquiring the land including survey cost and land sale price were raised. Landowners suggested that this land be provided at little to no cost to the landowners. Concerns were raised over the increase in taxes that the additional lands would incur.

A preliminary quote was obtained for the cost of the survey. The preliminary quote of \$23,000 was based on all landowners participating.

Previously, Council has set the sale price of land in similar situations at \$2,000/acre. The total area is about 3.2 acres in size.

Alternatives

Council may set a sale price of the lands and direct administration to obtain a formal quote for survey work. After this is completed more details regarding the cost and timelines will be provided to landowners. A commitment to acquire the lands will be required at this time.

Recommendation

That Council accept this as information.