

Municipality of East Ferris

Report to Council

Report No.: PLAN-2020-05

Date: August 11, 2020

Originator: Greg Kirton, Manager of Planning and Economic Development

Subject: Municipal Property Inventory – Sale of Surplus Lands

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris direct staff to actively market and promote the sale of vacant parcels of municipally owned property, previously declared surplus, in accordance with the attached surplus lands listing.
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BACKGROUND

At the regular meeting of Council on May 12th, 2020, several vacant municipally owned properties were declared surplus lands and Council directed staff to return with a report with recommendations regarding their sale.

Given that each parcel of land is different and some of the lands require additional prep work prior to sale, it is difficult to use the same approach across the board for all parcels of land. As a result, staff are making a general recommendation that we actively market all declared surplus lands and do the background work required on a case by case basis with regards to each parcel of land. In some cases, there needs to be a consolidation exercise done for lands that were made up of a number of smaller parcels and in other cases we are ready to directly list parcels for sale. Attached to this report is a listing of the lands that were previously declared surplus by Council on May 12th, 2020. The recommended action by property is listed.

We anticipate using a combination of advertisement on our website, social media, and other independent online listing services where appropriate.

Any potential sales will come back to Council for final review and approval prior to the sale.

OPTIONS

1. Option 1

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2. Option 2

That no action be taken at this time and the existing vacant municipal lands remain surplus.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The sale of surplus lands will generate additional revenue from unused and unneeded parcels of municipally owned lands.

For certain pieces of land, there will be some up-front costs associated with preparing the properties for sale such as costs associated with consolidation of smaller parcels of land, advertising, realty, and legal. It is expected that all costs will be eventually recouped through the sale of the properties when the sales take place.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Kirton
Manager of Planning and Economic Development

I concur with this report and recommendation,



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