



## **Special Council Meeting Agenda**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**6:00 PM**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_**
- 2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: Statements for the Month of \_\_\_\_\_**
- 3. DELEGATIONS:**
- 4. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Report to Council re voting procedures on Zoom meetings**
- 5. ADOPT ADDENDUM:**
  
- A. 6. OLD BUSINESS:**
  
- B. 7. NEW BUSINESS:**
  1. Discussion for layout of school property for development purpose
  2. Follow up with regard to status on funding for Lagoon rehabilitation
  
- C. 8. INFORMATION:**
  1. Copy of correspondence to NOHFC request for reconsideration
  
- D. 9. MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS:**
  
- 10. NOTICE OF MOTION:**
  
- 11. CLOSED SESSION:**
  
- 12. ADJOURNMENT:**



The Corporation of the Township of Johnson

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

I, Council member (print) \_\_\_\_\_, declare a potential (deemed/direct/indirect) pecuniary interest on Council Agenda (check) \_\_\_\_ Committee Agenda (check) \_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda Item Number \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda description of item \_\_\_\_\_ for the following reason:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of member of council or committee

\_\_\_\_\_  
print name

**NOTE: To be recorded in a registry along with the associated Minutes and available upon request for public inspection**

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**Definition of interests:**

**Indirect pecuniary interest**

**2** For the purposes of this Act, a member has an indirect pecuniary interest in any matter in which the council or local board, as the case may be, is concerned, if,

(a) the member or his or her nominee,

(i) is a shareholder in, or a director or senior officer of, a corporation that does not offer its securities to the public,

(ii) has a controlling interest in or is a director or senior officer of, a corporation that offers its securities to the public, or

(iii) is a member of a body,

that has a pecuniary interest in the matter; or

(b) the member is a partner of a person or is in the employment of a person or body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 2.

**Interest of certain persons deemed that of member**

**3** For the purposes of this Act, the pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, of a parent or the spouse or any child of the member shall, if known to the member, be deemed to be also the pecuniary interest of the member. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 3; 1999, c. 6, s. 41 (2); 2005, c. 5, s. 45 (3).



Agenda Item Report  
Date: 5-5-21

May 3, 2021

## **Report to Council:**

### **Subject: Voting procedures in Zoom meeting**

It has been suggested that we try to have more input and conversation amongst Council during the Zoom meetings.

After discussion with the Mayor, beginning with this meeting on Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> we will change up the process for voting on a resolution.

I will have written in a Mover and Seconder as I have been. If you do not wish to be a Mover or Seconder on that particular motion just say so and we will request someone else.

When Mayor Mersereau calls for the vote he will ask each of you individually to respond in favour or opposed.

It will be similar to a recorded vote however I will not record how each of you voted unless a Recorded Vote is specifically requested.

### **Subject: NOHFC appeal**

As I mentioned I did launch an appeal with NOHFC to reconsider our application for funding to rehabilitate the Lagoons. I have also included MPP Romano in our correspondence and have been in communication with him to review our application. He has been in contact with NOHFC to discuss and I anticipate a response any day from them.

### **Subject: Lagoon prep for rehabilitating**

As council requested I have been looking into any available options for addressing the capacity issue with the Lagoons. Mean time we have done some minor long overdue maintenance on the access road to the Lagoons. We have brought in several loads of rock to get us out of the water and able to drive up onto the access road. Terry has done some additional maintenance on the access road its self. We are looking into whether or not we need to expand the turnaround area out at the Lagoons. These are minor issues but necessary and long overdue.

Glenn



Agenda Item B1

Date: 5-5-21

7.55 Acres  
416700

9.89 Acres  
416600

Johnson Township Owned Parcels  
Margaret St & Main St,  
Desbarats, ON

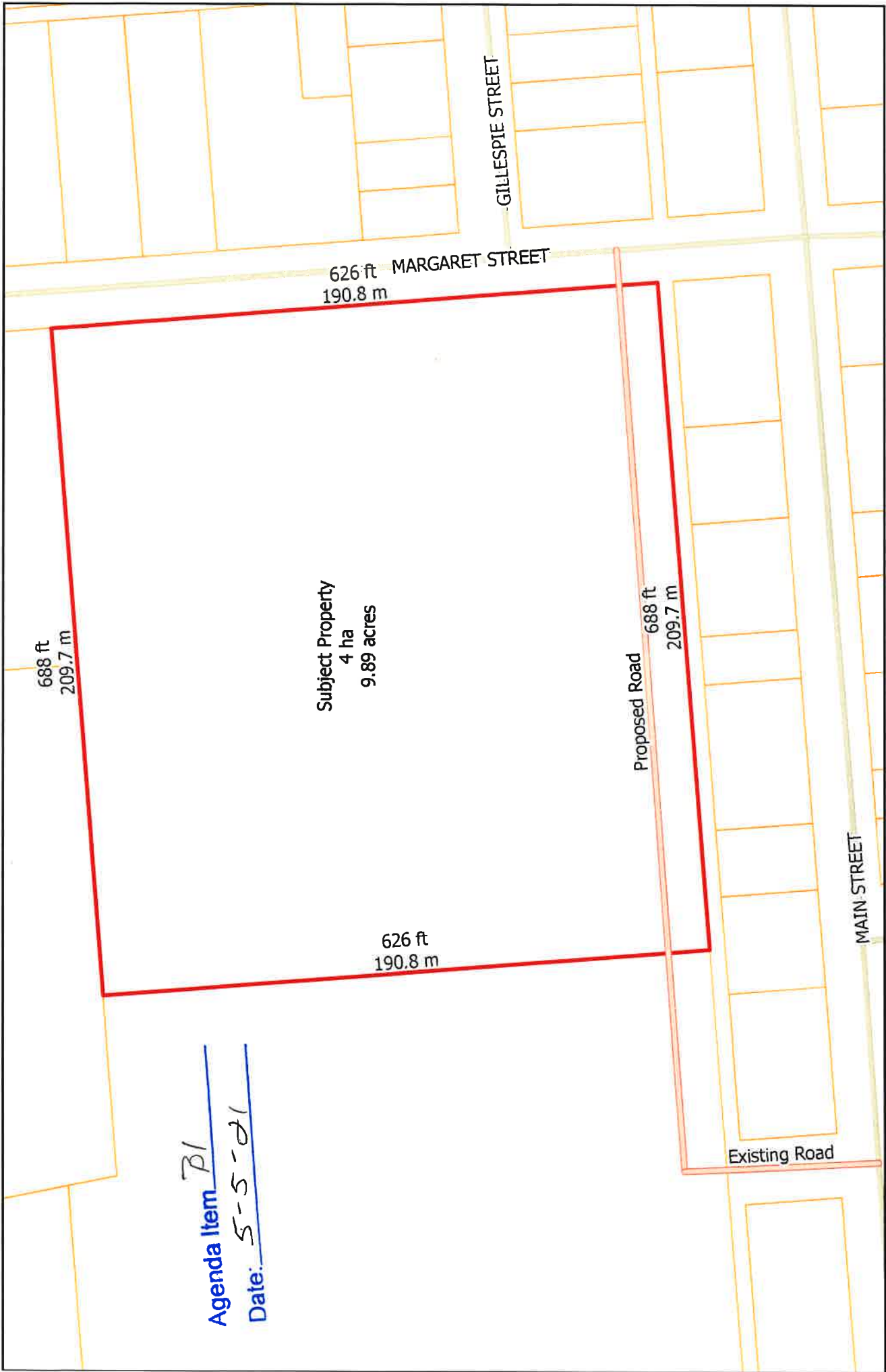


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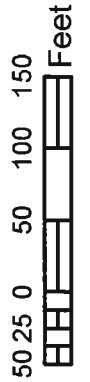
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Johnson Township: Proposal  
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5 Margaret St.





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March 30 2021

NOHFC

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Attention: Jane Karhi, Manager Program Services

Ms Karhi

Thank you for your response to our application for funding under the Community Enhancement Program.

We would like to take a moment to explain the purpose of the application in hopes that there may be consideration to review it.

The Hamlet of Desbarats is a population of 106 homes and small businesses within the Township of Johnson. One of the oldest towns along the Northern Corridor, founded in 1889, The Hamlet serves an average annual population of approximately 1000 persons with 1 small Hardware/Grocery Store, 2 Restaurants, 1 Boat Sales and Service business and 1 Dock and Boat Launch. Summer can increase the number of residents to 1500. It is a small community with a Water & Sewer system that was installed in 1982.

Our reasoning for this application is under the **'What Projects are Eligible'** section of the Enhance your Community Funding Stream are:

1. Incremental Improvements, repairs and or renovations to extend the useful life of capital assets including, "municipal assets".

*The Lagoons are a municipal asset and cleaning and rehabilitating them is maintenance of that critically important asset. The lagoons are approximately 40 years old. The repairs and maintenance will ensure their continued use for many more years. The recent highwater in Lake Huron causing flooding of the area has damaged the access to these lagoons and as such the access does require repairs and maintenance.*

- 1) The construction and/or 'renovation' of capital assets that support community economic development and that address an economic priority in a region.

*The Hamlet of Desbarats is the ONLY commercial area on Hwy 17 between Bruce Mines, and Echo Bay, encompassing a total population of over 5,000 people not including summer residents.*

*In order for the Hamlet to be self-sustaining and to encourage community economic development, the lagoons must be repaired. As it stands at this time PUC that monitor our utilities (water and sewer) have reported the sewer system for the Hamlet is at capacity. There is no potential for Economic Growth.*

*For the Hamlet of Desbarats to be self-sufficient it must grow, there must be economic growth, if not we will forever be reliant on assistance to survive.*

*Recently we requested proposals to develop a Senior and low-income development on some municipal property in the center of our Hamlet. The development would have provided desperately needed senior housing and would have been an unprecedented boost to the sustainability and growth of the Hamlet of Desbarats.*

*Upon discovering that we have no capacity left in our sewer system unless we can rehabilitate the lagoons, we were forced to put the housing development on hold.*

*We are committed to grow Desbarats, increase property values, encourage economic growth and support those that wish to retire here and live and work from home here.*

*We are seeking assistance desperately needed, but we are willing to also contribute and make Desbarats solvent. The Hamlet is at a critical stage too small to sustain its own infrastructure and unable without assistance to have any economic growth.*

By repairing and maintaining the lagoons the Township of Johnson meets the Evaluation Criteria of:

- Aligning with the Organizational Plan for the Community
- Supporting the sustainability of the Hamlet
- Optimizing the 'capacity and efficiency of the Existing Infrastructure

We have looked back at past practices and we are moving hopefully in a new and better direction. We have taken steps to not be in this position again by establishing long overdue capital charges on water and sewer. We have also established 'fully funded' reserves to address future maintenance. Along with all the above we are applying for permission to construct at our own cost drying beds at our own landfill that will be capable of handling the sludge the next time in 40 years when the lagoons need cleaning again and not have to incur tipping fee and haulage charges.

We are committed and we are planning for the future, but today we have reached a crisis an emergency in every aspect that will, how it is dealt with have a very lasting impact on the Hamlet of Desbarats.

I appreciate your time in considering this request and that you will reconsider our application.

Respectfully



Glenn Martin, Clerk