



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.  
2024-M-089

## Memorandum to Council

**Subject:** Update on Request to Purchase Municipal Land

**Agenda Date:** May 9, 2024

**Attachments:**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami hereby receives Memo 2024-M-089 for information purposes.

### **INFORMATION**

On June 20th, 2023, the municipality received a request from a property owner to purchase an abutting portion of municipal land. The property owner had discovered that historically, some of their buildings encroached onto municipal land. They now seek to rectify this situation by purchasing the affected area. It's important to note that the exact boundaries of the property in question have yet to be surveyed.

During the April 4, 2024 council meeting, it was determined that a review of our surplus land policy was necessary in light of this request. Subsequently, at the April 25, 2023 working session Council meeting, council concluded that the existing policy was satisfactory and instructed staff to proceed within its guidelines.

Upon further investigation and discussions, it has come to light that the land the proponent wishes to purchase includes part of a municipal laneway. If the sale were permitted, it could potentially land lock a nearby lot. It is crucial that we conduct thorough investigations to ensure that no parcels are inadvertently landlocked.

Staff will undertake further investigations to accurately determine the boundaries and potential implications of the proposed sale. This will include ensuring that adjacent properties are not adversely affected and that no parcels are landlocked as a result.

While the sale of the land is one option, we should also explore alternative solutions that may be favorable to council. One such solution could involve entering into an easement or encroachment agreement with the property owner. This would allow the building to remain on municipal property while safeguarding the municipality's interests, particularly regarding future development or use of the laneway.

In conclusion, it is imperative that we proceed cautiously and thoughtfully in addressing the requested sale of municipal land. By conducting thorough investigations and exploring alternative solutions, we can ensure that any decision made aligns with the best interests of the municipality and its residents.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Sabrina Pandolfo**