



Municipality of Port Hope

Staff Report

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Report Title: Extension of Development Agreement - 34 Percival Street

Report to: Planning & Development Committee

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Department responsible:

Planning & Development

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Recommendation:

That a by-law to amend By-law 47/2021 be presented to Council to permit the existing portable on the site of Ganaraska Trail Public School to remain in place until August 31, 2024.

Highlights:

- The development agreement with Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board to place a portable at Ganaraska Trail Public School (GTPS) expires on August 3, 2022.
- The Board is requesting a two-year extension to the agreement.

Background:

By-law 47/2021 authorized the Municipality to enter into a development agreement with Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (the Board). The intent of the agreement was to allow the Board to place a portable at Ganaraska Trail Public School (GTPS) for a period of one year. This was to provide the Board with time to find a solution to the enrolment pressures being felt at the GTPS. The Agreement is set to expire on August 3, 2022.

Discussion:

This past February, the Board of Trustees made a decision to transition the Grade 6 students from GTPS to Dr. M.J. Hawkins Sr. Public School (DHSPS) converting the intermediate school from a grade 7-8 school to a grade 6 to 8 school.

According to the request by the Board, preliminary enrolment projections for the 2022/23 school year are indicating that even with the transition of the Grade 6 students to DHSPS, a portable on site is still required. The Board's other alternative is to convert

common space into classroom space, which would be costly and would not benefit the students.

The Board is now requesting that Council grant them a 2-year extension to the original agreement. Specifically, the Board is requesting that Item 4 of the agreement be amended to read:

That the owner shall agree that the said portable will be removed from the subject lands no later than the 31st day of August, 2024.

Staff has been advised that the extension would allow the Board to complete a fulsome review of the Port Hope High School Family of Schools (which includes Beatrice Strong PS, North Hope PS, GTPS and DHSPS) to balance further enrolments numbers, providing for a long-term solution.

In anticipation of this review, the Board has engaged Watson Economists and Associates, to complete a 10-year projection review of the entire Northumberland area, with a specific focus on the growing municipalities of Port Hope and Cobourg. Staff notes that a meeting is scheduled later this month between the Board Staff and County and Municipal staff to solicit the insight regarding the on-going and future residential development areas. This will assist the Board in gaining an understanding of the impact the development will have on pupil accommodations.

Staff recognize school portables are being part of a school space and have no concerns permitting the existing portable for another two years.

Financial Considerations:

There are no anticipated financial impact arising from the Board request for the extension of the Development Agreement.

Communications and Public Engagement:

Staff has consulted with Works and Engineering and Building Division and requested their comments on the extension request. Both divisions have no concerns.

Conclusion:

Staff recommend that clause 4 of the By-law 47/2021 authorizing a Development Agreement with Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board be amended in order to permit the portable on the lands municipally known as 34 Percival Street for another two years.

Attachments:

None.