



Staff Report

Report Title: Easement for Natural Gas – Ripley-Huron Community Centre

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Department: Community Services

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Attachments: Map

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS2020-09-52 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services AND approves amending the easement across 9 Queen Street to include natural gas and utilities AND FURTHER approves the appropriate By-Law coming forward.

Background:

Natural gas service for the Ripley-Huron Community Centre is scheduled for installation this fall or winter. The proposed route from Epcor / Aecon is the arena entrance at Queen Street then following the access around the Agricultural society building and eventually under the parking lot to the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. The cost estimate is \$8 000 for the pipe installation.

Discussion:

The Township has an existing water main easement across 9 Queen St which is a much shorter route and is estimated to be approximately half the cost of the proposed installation route. Upon review it was determined that the existing easement with the owners of 9 Queen Street is for water main service only. To include natural gas and any other future services the easement would need to be amended accordingly.

Staff have contacted the owners of 9 Queen Street and they are agreeable to include natural gas and utilities on the existing easement subject to no costs for them.

Staff recommend the easement agreement be amended to include natural gas and utilities.

Financial Impacts:

An estimated savings in excess of \$2 000.00 after all expenses. There will be legal fees associated with drafting the amendment and registering the easement on title.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner
By investing in infrastructure

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer