



Staff Report

Report Title: Patt's Place to Boiler Beach Road Land Use

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Department: Community Services

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Attachments: Ariel of Property

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives Report Number CS-2023-05-32 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services;

AND FURTHER directs Staff to evaluate the feasibility of a walking path between Patt's Place and Boiler Beach Road;

AND FURTHER if determined to be feasible, authorizes Staff to proceed with including the development of the walking path during the Boiler Beach Road reconstruction project.

Background:

The Township of Huron-Kinloss owns a parcel of land on the Algonquin Bluff between Patt's Place and Boiler Beach Road. The property has flooded in the past and again flooded this spring of 2023. Public Works staff consider the parcel unopened Road allowance. Community Services has never considered the parcel a beach access or pathway. Community Services posted signs two years ago "No motorized vehicles" and the signs were torn down.

Discussion:

Staff have received phone calls about the spring wash out and requesting repairs. Staff has also received complaints that the property is used by motorized vehicles and that the hill is dangerous for walking. The Township has never cut or maintained the grass on this parcel.

In consultation with Director of Public works there is no simple solution to the erosion. The slope is very susceptible to erosion, and that wont change. The immediate solution is to place four-foot cement blocks with two feet spacing to allow flood water through on the top and bottom of the property and sign the property "Not for Public Use at this time." The blocks will also restrict anyone from cutting the grass on the slope deterring pedestrian use on the property while restricting use of motorized vehicles.

Staff provide two options below for consideration.

1. During the Boiler Beach Road reconstruction have the property surveyed, evaluated, and if found feasible to include an engineered solution at that time.
2. Leave the property blocked off.

Staff recommends blocking off the property and placing signage now, and that the parcel be evaluated and if suitable then engineered for a walkway during the Boiler Beach design process.

Financial Impacts:

The cost of blocks and sign will be incorporated into the public works operating budgets.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

By protecting our natural assets

By using our resources wisely

By being aware and taking responsibility

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer