

The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Bruce County Land Acquisition

Date: Mar. 3, 2025 Report Number: CAO-2025-04

Department: CAOFile Number: C11 CAO

Prepared By: Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: Draft Reference Plan

Recommendation:

THAT Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receives for information Report Number CAO-2025-04 prepared by Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer and accepts the transfer of Part 1 of the draft reference plan from the County of Bruce as requested by the Lucknow & District Joint Recreation Board;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate by-law be brought forward authorizing the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement of purchase and sale and any other necessary documents to complete the transfer.

Background:

The Lucknow & District Joint Recreation Board approached the County of Bruce to acquire a section of land to the north of the Lucknow & District Sports Complex.

The County of Bruce has agreed to transfer the land identified as Part 1 on the attached draft reference plan to the Township of Huron-Kinloss for no consideration.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Although the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh administers the Lucknow & District Joint Recreation Board, they have requested that the Township of Huron-Kinloss complete the transfer as the existing lands on which the Sports Complex is situated are registered to the former Village of Lucknow, now the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

The intent was to merge Part 1 with the adjacent lands; however our solicitor's opinion is that Part 1 will remain separately conveyable as the Planning Act does not allow the lands to merge.

The Lucknow & District Recreation Department already maintains the grass on this land and ownership could facilitate a future expansion.

Financial Impacts:

The Lucknow & District Joint Recreation Board will pay for all legal, survey and registration costs associated with the transfer; therefore, they will be shared equally

between the Township of Huron-Kinloss and the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

Any future expansion would require a recommendation by the Lucknow & District Joint Recreation Board for approval by each respective municipal Council.

Performance Measurement:

Completion of land transfer

Strategic Area:

□ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle
□ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery
□ Prepare for Inclusive Growth
□ Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Ensure municipal systems support future growth

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer