

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Crown Land Lease for Agriculture Use – Trans-Canada Highway – CRW2100004

Date Prepared: May 26, 2021

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Councillor Maggie Burton, Planning & Development

Ward: Ward 5

Decision/Direction Required:

To seek approval for a Crown Land Lease for 158.38 hectares of land off the Trans-Canada Highway.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The Provincial Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture has referred an application to the City requesting approval for a Crown Land Lease. The parcel is 187.38 hectares in total, with 158.38 hectares in the City and 29 hectares in the Town of Conception Bay South. The property would be used for livestock, forage, and crops, which are Permitted Uses in the Agriculture (AG) Zone. The parcel of land surrounds the Wych Hazel Pond and has several identified wetlands and associated buffers, which cannot be developed. Should the applicant be successful in obtaining the Crown Land Lease, a development application is required.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: Not applicable.
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Not applicable.
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans: St. John's Strategic Plan 2019-2029 - A Sustainable City – Plan for land use and preserve and enhance the natural and built environment where we live.
4. Legal or Policy Implications: St. John's Development Regulations Section 10.34.
5. Privacy Implications: Not applicable.
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: Not applicable.
7. Human Resource Implications: Not applicable.
8. Procurement Implications: Not applicable.

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9. Information Technology Implications: Not applicable.

10. Other Implications: Not applicable.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the Crown Land Lease for 158.38 hectares of land within the City of St. John's, located off the Trans-Canada Highway.

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