

# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

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**Title:** Expropriation – Temporary Emergency Access Easement at 17 Airport Heights Drive

**Date Prepared:** May 1, 2025

**Report To:** Regular Meeting of Council

**Councillor and Role:** Councillor Jill Bruce

**Ward:** Ward 1

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## **Decision/Direction Required:**

That Council approve the expropriation of a temporary emergency access easement at 17 Airport Heights Drive as shown on the attached plot plan, during the culvert replacement.

## **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

Engineering is in the process up replacing/upgrading the culvert that runs across the entrance to Airport Heights Drive. While engineering will be rerouting traffic, St. John's Regional Fire Department requires emergency access across the front of 17 Airport Heights Drive in order to avoid time delays in the event of an emergency. Legal has spoken with the property owner and Engineering will be meeting with the owner on site to discuss some minor concerns and to show the property owner the exact location of the required easement.

This project is schedule to commence mid-May. Legal is seeking approval to expropriate the required temporary emergency access easement if the property owners are unwilling to sign the required easement before May 9, 2025.

## **Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications: City to pay a nominal fee of \$1.00 for a temporary access
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: owners of 17 Airport Heights Drive
3. Is this a New Plan or Strategy: No

If yes, are there recommendations or actions that require progress reporting?

If yes, how will progress be reported? (e.g.: through the strategic plan, through Cascade, annual update to Council, etc.)

4. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

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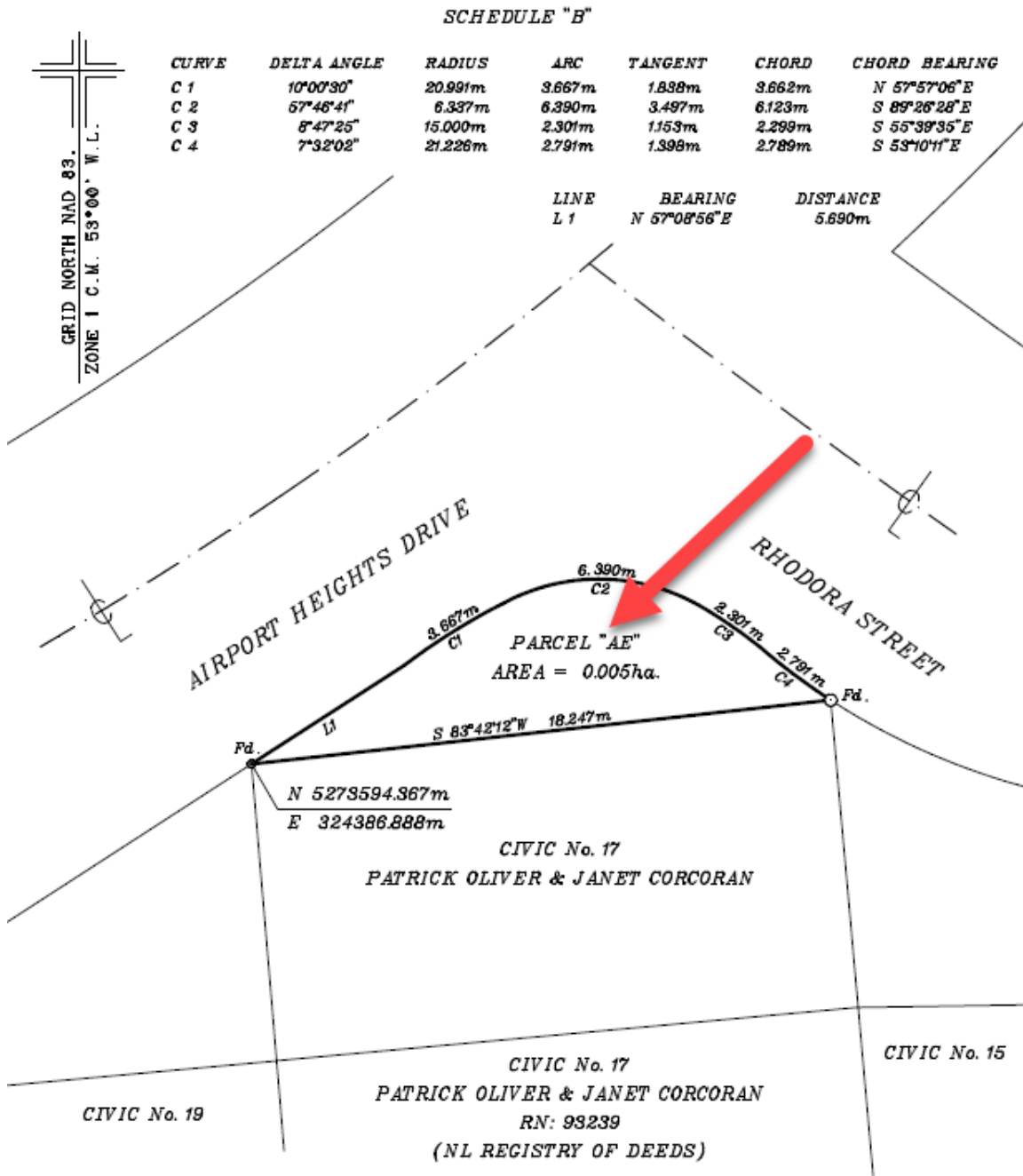
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5. Alignment with Adopted Plans: An Effective City
6. Accessibility and Inclusion: N/A
7. Legal or Policy Implications: A Notice of Expropriation will have to be prepared, and a release once work is finished.
8. Privacy Implications: N/A
9. Engagement and Communications Considerations: N/A
10. Human Resource Implications: N/A
11. Procurement Implications: N/A
12. Information Technology Implications: N/A
13. Other Implications: N/A

**Recommendation:**

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