

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 20, 2023

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Cory Smith, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Assumption and Dedication of Paterson Street, Part 9, Plan 26R1346 as a Highway into the Municipal Road System

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Committee of the Whole recommend Council Direct Staff to prepare a bylaw for the purposes of dedicating Part 9 of Plan 26R1346 as a Highway and incorporate it into the Municipal Road System.

BACKGROUND:

Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended grants authority to local municipalities to pass bylaws in respect of Municipal Highways. Part of this authority is the ability to dedicate lands as Highways and incorporate them into the Municipal Road System. This is required for various reasons primarily related to planning and expansion matters where new roads are created. On occasion, the Municipality is required to correct pre-existing issues where roadways were not properly incorporated into the road network.

DISCUSSION:

In reviewing legal title on properties along Paterson Street, it was identified that a portion of Paterson street, being Part 9, of Plan 26R1346 has been considered a public highway within the meaning of section 26 of the Municipal Act, 2001, owned and maintained by and under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills. However, the title and registration of this is ambiguous. In order to provide clarity in this matter, it is recommended that a bylaw be passed to clearly dedicate these lands as a Highway and incorporate this highway into the Municipal Road System.

The lands as described are on the East half of Paterson Street, approximately from Ottawa Street, extending to just beyond Tatra Street. The portion is highlighted in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1



OPTIONS:

1. Recommend Council directs staff to prepare a bylaw to dedicate Part 9 of Plan 26R1346 as a Highway and assume it into the Municipal Road System, to be known as Paterson Street.
2. Recommend Council to defer this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications at this time.

SUMMARY:

This is a matter of providing clarification to an existing condition. The section being discussed has been considered to be part of the Municipal Road System. It is recommended that this be clarified to remove any ambiguity through registration of a bylaw dedicating these lands as a Highway and incorporating it into the Municipal Road System.

Respectfully submitted by,

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