

## Acquisition and Disposal of Road Widening Areas

### **Purpose:**

To establish a policy to define the procedures for the acquisition of road widening areas, as defined in Section 36 (Setbacks from Streets) of the Land Use By-law, and for disposal of previously acquired road widenings that are now considered surplus to The City's needs.

### **Policy Statement(s):**

1. In cases where a landowner is required to provide road or lane widening in areas defined in the Land Use By-law, The City will pay "fair market value" for the land, or the landowner may choose to dedicate the road widening in return for relaxation of a development permit condition. In this case, The City will be responsible for the cost of the legal survey.
2. In the case where a landowner has provided road or lane widening as a condition of previous Land Use By-laws and where The City deems such road or lane widening to be surplus to The City's needs and the owner has expressed a desire to acquire the existing road or lane widening, the following will apply:
  - a. Where the land was dedicated to The City by the landowner at no cost or development relaxation, the land will be returned to the same landowner for a nominal sum.
  - b. Where the land was sold to The City, exchanged for a development condition relaxation, or dedicated by a different landowner, the land will be offered back to the owner at fair market value.
  - c. The landowner will be responsible for the cost of lot consolidation and legal survey in either scenario (a) or (b).
3. The proceeds and expenditures with regard to the acquisition and disposal of land for road widening will be a credit or debit to the Right of Way Sales and Acquisition Reserve Fund.

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The City Manager will ensure the policy requirements are met and updated as required.

**References/Links:**

- Land Use Bylaw

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