



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Corporate Services & Clerk

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Laura Moy, Director Corporate Services & Clerk

**Report Number:** CS-2020-15

**Subject:** Golden Age Club Parkette

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### Recommendations

It is recommended:

**That** CS-2020-15 entitled “Golden Age Club Parkette” **be received;**

**And that** all of the Town’s lands located at 12420 Lanoue Street (lands) **be retained;**

**And that** the request to purchase a portion of the lands, **be declined.**

### Background

The Town is in receipt of a request from the owners of 12450 Lanoue Street to purchase the greenspace lands behind their home which are owned by the Town.

The greenspace lands located behind 12450 Lanoue Street form part of the lands upon which the Golden Age Club is situated, known municipally as 12420 Lanoue Street, and are depicted on [Attachment 1](#).

The purpose of this report is to provide a recommended response to the request to purchase the Town’s lands.

### Comments

#### 12420 Lanoue Street

The property known municipally as 12420 Lanoue Street is approximately 1.13 acres in size. The greenspace area portion of the property is roughly 0.44 acres. The property is zoned "Community Facility Zone (CF)".

The property is occupied by the Golden Age Club (GAC) which delivers various seniors programs. The GAC programming is predominantly funded by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility through the Senior Active Living Centre funding program.

Additional funding is derived by the GAC from rental of the building space to other community service groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Taking Off the Pounds (TOP), as well as family rentals for birthday and anniversary celebrations.

The greenspace is on occasion used by the renters for outdoor activities and barbeques.

The building has been used by the Town to host Public Information Centres with residents and other stakeholders on various development and infrastructure projects.

## **Sale of Land**

The sale of Town owned lands must be carried out in accordance with By-law No. 2003-09 which establishes the procedures for the sale of surplus real property (By-law).

The procedure is summarized in [Attachment 2](#) as appended to this report.

In keeping with the By-law, prior to the sale of any real property, a by-law or resolution must be passed at a meeting open to the public to declare the real property to be surplus to the needs of the Corporation.

## **Consideration**

The request to purchase the greenspace abutting the Golden Age Club has been reviewed by Administration as to whether a portion of the lands could be declared surplus to the needs of the Town.

The following considerations were made when arriving at the recommendation set out above to retain all of the subject greenspace, and to decline the request to purchase by the abutting owner of 12450 Lanoue Street:

- While this greenspace may not currently be used frequently, it may be used in the future for recreation program expansions i.e. physical distancing requirements due to COVID-19;
- If the lands were to be sold, it may restrict the Town on what could be done on the entire lands in the future i.e. building or parking expansions and
- Selling the lands may create interest from other abutting residents to purchase; and
- Setting a potential precedent on the sale of greenspace.

## **Consultations**

Parks & Recreation Services  
Planning & Building Services  
Golden Age Club

## Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

## Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

## Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐

Social Media ☐

News Release ☐

Local Newspaper ☐

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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<b>Attachment Number</b>	<b>Attachment Name</b>
1	Aerial Map of 12420 Lanoue Street – Golden Age Club
2	Sale of Land Procedures set out in By-law No. 2003-09