CITY OF HAMILTON

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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SUBJECT: Surplus Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Lands – Part of Vern Ames School, 205 Berko Avenue, Hamilton (PED06059) (Ward 7)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Real Estate Section of the Development and Real Estate Division be authorized and directed to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board that the City of Hamilton has no interest in acquiring the lands composed of Part 1 that forms Part of Lot 7 on Concession 6, in the former Township of Barton, municipally known as part of 205 Berko Avenue, as shown on Appendix “A” to Report PED06059.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Real Estate Section is seeking Council’s direction to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board that the City of Hamilton has no municipal interest in acquiring the subject surplus lands.

BACKGROUND:

Located in the Lawfield Neighbourhood in Ward 7, the subject property is part of Vern Ames and Lawfield Schools, as shown on Appendix “B” to Report PED06059. This parcel is described as Part 1 on the attached Appendix “A” and forms Part of Lot 7 on Concession 6, in the former Township of Barton. Part 1 has an area of approximately 152.3 square metres. It is intended to be sold to the adjacent owner to be included as part of the development plan for the previously sold, adjacent surplus school site. The exact development plan is unknown at this time.
On December 21, 2005, the Real Estate Section received notification from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board informing us that the Board was granted approval to sell the subject property being surplus to their needs. The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board has requested that the City of Hamilton notify the Board of any interest in acquiring the parcel.

In order to determine if there is a municipal interest in the property, the Real Estate Section circulated this request to various City Departments and to City Councillors.

**ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:**

Approval of the recommendation by Committee and City Council will authorize Real Estate staff to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board as to the City of Hamilton’s interest with the lands.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:**

If staff does not respond to the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board within the allotted time period, it will be treated as a negative response.

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

**Financial:** There are no financial implications arising out of the recommendation.

**Staffing:** There are no identified staffing implications arising out of this recommendation.

**Legal:** There are no legal implications arising out of this recommendation.

**POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:**

A circulation to various City Departments failed to identify a municipal need for the subject property. As no municipal need has been identified for the subject property, Council’s direction is, therefore, being sought to allow staff to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board that the City of Hamilton has no municipal interest in acquiring the lands.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION:**

The Real Estate Section circulated the request to City Departments and City Councillors. There is no municipal interest for the property.
CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:

By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment, economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.

Community Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
A City of Growth and Opportunity.

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
The sale of the Board lands will allow for additional residential units to be developed utilizing the existing infrastructure.

Economic Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
A City that spends wisely and invests strategically. Investment in Hamilton is enhanced and supported.

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines?
☑ Yes ☐ No

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants?
☐ Yes ☑ No

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Attachs. (2)
Vern Ames & Lawfield Schools