TO: Chair and Members
Planning Committee

WARD(S) AFFECTED: WARD 13

COMMITTEE DATE: January 14, 2014

SUBJECT/REPORT NO:
Divesting of City-Owned Properties in Pleasant View (Dundas) (PED11052(b))
(WARD 13)
(Outstanding Business List Item)

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Outstanding Business List item respecting the divesting four properties in Pleasant View, Dundas, be identified as completed and be removed from the Outstanding Business List.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting of April 13, 2011, City Council approved the following Recommendation:

“That staff investigate the divesting of four City-owned properties, with the exception of Nigel Charlong Community Centre (Old Guelph Road), and the unopened road allowances, as shown on Appendix “B” to Report PED11052, and report back to Council in future regarding disposition of said properties.”

City staff have spoken with the Conservation Halton and they are reviewing their future land purchases in the Pleasant View area. The parcel of land adjacent to the Royal
Botanical Gardens (RBG) has been included in a wider discussion on land ownership between the City and RBG.

Prior to disposing of the land parcels, staff will prepare a report to City Council on this matter. The unopened road allowances are subject of a separate process which requires Conservation Halton to apply to the City to close the road allowances.

Staff have investigated divesting the City of four parcels of land and the unopened road allowances. There will be further staff reports on this matter. Therefore, based on the Council direction, this item should be considered as complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 4.

### FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for Recommendation(s) only)

- **Financial:** none.
- **Staffing:** none.
- **Legal:** none.

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

As part of the review of Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment No. 179, staff identified four City-owned properties and the adjacent unopened road allowances to determine if they could be divested.

#### 1.0 City-Owned Lands

The City owns five parcels of land in the Pleasant View area: four landlocked parcels (three parcels north, and one parcel south, of York Road) and the Nigel Charlong Community Centre on Old Guelph Road, as identified as Appendix “A”.

#### 2.0 Unopened Road Allowances

As part of the 1914 Pleasant View Survey, there were a number of roads that were created. Many of these roads are unopened road allowances (as shown as white on Appendix “A”) which are landlocked, do not provide for future development potential, and are surrounded by lands owned by Conservation Halton.
3.0 Council Recommendation

Staff sought Council direction to investigate divesting the City of these properties.

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This Recommendation is contained on the Planning Committee Outstanding Business List.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS/LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

A separate report will be prepared declaring these properties surplus to the City needs.

## RELEVANT CONSULTATION

- Real Estate Section, Planning and Economic Development Department
- Public Works Department (Corporate Asset and Strategic Planning)

## ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

(include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data, if applicable)

Based on the Recommendation approved by City Council, staff have investigated divesting themselves of the four properties and the unopened road allowances.

### 1.0 Lands North of York Boulevard (three properties) and Unopened Road Allowances

Since the majority of the lands in the surrounding area are owned by Conservation Halton, and the three parcels and unopened road allowances have no development potential, it is appropriate for these lands to be sold to the Conservation Halton.

Prior to the City selling the three properties, Council must declare the lands surplus. Staff will prepare a report on this matter in 2014, pending further discussions with Conservation Halton.

With respect to the unopened road allowances, Conservation Halton has to apply to the City to close the road allowances: to date, no application has been received.
Works Department would seek authorization from Council to close and sell unopened road allowances.

City staff have spoken with Conservation Halton, and the agency is reviewing their future land purchases in the Pleasant View area.

2.0 Lands South of York Boulevard, North of the Royal Botanical Gardens (one property)

There is one small City-owned property adjacent to the RBG lands. This property has been included as part of a larger project whereby the City and the RBG are discussing land swaps. This process is currently underway.

3.0 Recommendation

Based on the above information, this item should be deemed complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

(include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and pros and cons for each alternative)

That the item remain on the Outstanding Business List until such time that the four properties are declared surplus and are disposed of by the City.

**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Strategic Priority #1
A Prosperous & Healthy Community

*WE enhance our image, economy and well-being by demonstrating that Hamilton is a great place to live, work, play and learn.*

Strategic Objective

1.6 Enhance Overall Sustainability (financial, economic, social and environmental).

**APPENDICES / SCHEDULES**

Appendix “A” Pleasant View Survey: Land Ownership

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Attach.(1)