

MUNICIPAL ROAD CLOSURES

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The Town of Bancroft has certain 66 foot road allowances reserved in the original plan of survey. The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, authorizes municipalities to pass by-laws to stop up, close, sell and convey these road allowances to the abutting owners.

Should an abutting owner be interested in closing and buying the 66 foot road allowance, the following procedure shall be undertaken:

1. The owner shall apply in writing to Council for requesting to stop up, close, sell and convey the road allowance. The request shall contain reasons for the conveyance and include a sketch or survey plan showing all abutting properties and the portion of road allowance to be conveyed. The sketch or plan shall also show any encroachment of existing structures or contemplated improvements. No surveys should be undertaken until Council has considered the proposal.
2. Upon approval of the application, the value of the road allowance shall be determined by a qualified and mutually agreed upon agent who shall provide a written "opinion of value" of the increased value of the applicant's property including the addition of said road allowance.
3. Once approval is granted, the applicant shall select a solicitor of choice to proceed with the road closing procedures, pursuant to The Municipal Act. R.S.O. 1990.
4. All legal and survey costs, and any other expense related to the road closing procedures, shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

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