

## **Township of Southgate**

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## **Staff Report CAO2020-068**

**Title of Report:** Southgate CAO Report

**Department:** Administration

**Council Date:** November 4, 2020

### **Council Recommendation:**

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report CAO2020-068 as information;

### **Background:**

The CAO is providing this report as an update of COVID-19 impacts, business restart planning, important information, decisions, and actions taken by staff in the last 30 days.

### **Staff Comments:**

#### **Southgate's Municipal Business Phase C Opening Update**

The Southgate Restart Phase C is presently under pressure with increased cases in the region and the concerns of a Second Wave of the COVID-19 virus. The Province in its issuing of recommendations suggested Ontarians in all regions are urged to: limit trips outside of home, except for essential purposes only, such as work where it is not possible to work from home, school, grocery shopping, medical appointments, and outdoor healthy physical activity; in addition, travel to other regions in the province, especially from higher transmission to lower transmission areas, should only be for essential purposes.

The concern with the Southgate Phase C restart we are presently in, we are seeing an increase over the last 2 weeks in number of COVID cases that is causing the growing of a second wave provincially. If this second wave continues, we will consider rolling back on Phase C operations. Our present operations related to the status of the Municipal Office, the Library, and the operations at the Arena could be impacted and we will be reassessing on a weekly basis to ensure the safety of our employees and the public.

#### **Watra Residents Association Land Update**

We received an email from Watra Residents Association lawyer Peter Fallis on October 19, 2020 to update the Township of Southgate on the status of the land ownership transfer application with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. The email reports that the Ministry will forward the file to Infrastructure Ontario and they will prepare the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and take care of the transfer.

A copy of this email is included in this staff report as Attachment #1. Staff feel that the process should be completed by the end of December, 2020.

### **SEGCHC Dundalk Medical Centre Update**

At the present time the work on the New Medical Centre project is we are finalizing the property survey, starting the Environmental Soil Assessment, erecting a sign on the property, drafting on the Grey County-Southgate land transfer agreement. The transfer agreement process now has an MOU framework document agreed to establish the terms for inclusion in the property transfer agreement document. The next step is for Grey County and Southgate Councils to approve the draft agreement and then approve it by By-law to complete the lands to be transferred.

Discussions are also underway between the Dundalk Lions Club and SEGCHC to make plans for the future use of the Lions Club Medical Centre as a Grey County project for affordable housing and possibly include this in the land transfer agreement. Southgate would retain the parking lot area behind the Lions Medical Centre as a municipal parking lot.

### **Financial Impact or Long-Term Implications**

The financial impact to the municipality as a result of this report would depend on any legal and land transfer costs of the Lions Medical Centre property and the Grey County lands.

### **Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:**

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

#### **Goal 3 - Promoting Health Services and Housing Choices**

**Action 3:** The residents and businesses of Southgate envision a caring community which meets the needs of all ages and incomes for a healthy and comfortable life, even as our population grows and changes.

**Strategic Initiatives 3-A (2019-2023):** By means of appropriate policies, incentives and development partners, the Township will facilitate a significant increase in the supply and variety of both rental and purchase housing/accommodation within Southgate.

### **Concluding Comments**

1. That Council receive staff report CAO2020-0068 as information.

Respectfully Submitted,

**CAO approval:** Original Signed By

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- Attachment 1 – Peter Fallis email dated October 19, 2020