

Date: May 8, 2018

Report To: Mayor & Council

From: Tyson Dennis, Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner

**Re: Durbin Property McIrvine Road Driveway Access**

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Planning and Development department had a letter submitted and referred from Council regarding property owned by the Durbin's on McIrvine Road. I have provided a map to this report showing the property. The Durbin's have requested to have a private driveway entrance to be placed off the old road allowance known as "Balsam Street". The entrance has been requested to be roughly 350 feet off McIrvine Road. The Durbin's wish to have the access off Balsam Street to allow a quieter access point to their property where they plan to build a single-family dwelling in the future.

There is a road closure gate installed roughly 75 feet down "Balsam Street" from McIrvine Road, restricting this area to Town employees only and in winter months access to Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club. The road is not maintained to any standard at this time. Operations and Facilities department does not agree with a private entrance being granted from a closed road allowance.

The matter was discussed at the Planning and Development Executive Committee meeting on May 7, 2018. The Committee agreed property entrances should remain on designated roadways and should not be on the closed road allowances. Balsam Street is not a maintained roadway and has a gate stopping vehicular traffic other than Town employees checking Town's infrastructure.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Tyson Dennis  
Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner

<p><b>Council approval of this report will:</b> deny the request of a private driveway entrance to be located on the closed roadway of "Balsam Street". A private entrance shall be applied for through Public Works and be installed off the fronting roadway "McIrvine Road" if the property owners request an entrance to the property known as RP 48R1346 PART 1 PCL 21949.</p>
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