



Date: May 3, 2018

Report To: Planning and Development Executive Committee

From: Tyson Dennis, Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner

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

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.

Information provided by Public Works shows Balsam Street was closed up in the 1980's to limit access to the area owned by the Paper Mill and Town owned property which is used for ditching. 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.

This area also allows access to Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club trails which would have to be relocated if a private driveway access was installed.

Administration is asking Planning and Development Executive Committee for direction on allowing a private entrance on the closed road allowance known as "Balsam Street". Normal practice does not allow for private entrances on closed road allowances. Please review the information and map provided and direct administration on whether to allow a private driveway on the closed road alliance known as "Balsam Street".

Respectfully submitted by,

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