

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, September 3, 2010				Report Date	Monday, August 30, 2010			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Sale of Land By-law Report #03/09/10/204									

Subject: Bill 130 required accountability and transparency by-laws – remaining from 2009

RECOMMENDATION: That Council adopt the attached by-law and schedules to provide policy direction and procedures to staff and the public upon the purchase and sale of land for Municipal purposes. The By-law in its entirety is attached.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Bill 130 changes to occur in 2009. The Sale and Purchase of Land By-law fell through the cracks with challenges with contacting our solicitor at the time. The original version of this by-law was presented to Council in April of 2009. There were questions about the complexity of the document, the requirements for exemptions and notice not being required in some occasions. I was asked to refer the document to our solicitor. (I have not had any contact with him since that time.)

Over the summer I had Bill Instance review the by-law that I had prepared and presented to Council in 2009. I have incorporated Bill's recommendations and present the by-law for Council's approval. Most changes were cosmetic, changing formatting to facilitate reference.

I explained Council's concerns with the document (exemptions and notice) and it is Bill's opinion that the document is complete as is and should not have sections removed. "I do not see any problem in providing the exemptions in the listed situations. I believe the exemptions to be quite appropriate."

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: Upon approval of this by-law by Council, we may begin the process to have certain lands declared surplus and sold. The benefits would be increased revenue from the sale of the lands, increased taxation once the lands have been developed or built on and decreased insurance costs with the elimination of insurable property.

Policy Impact: N/A

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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