Riverview Planning Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Dobson Landing Subdivion Plan and a change to Land For Public Purpose

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General Information

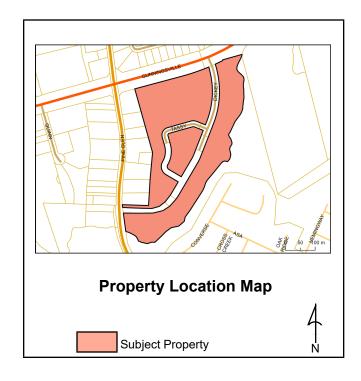
Applicant:

Jean-Michel Allain (Prodev consultants)

Landowner: Mattie Capital

Proposal:

The applicant requests the approval of a subdivision plan which relocates a proposed stormwater detention pond and changes the Land for Public Purpose previously assented to by Council.



Site Information

PID: 00662668

Lot Size: 5.93 acres

Location:

Dickey Boulevard

Current Use:

Vacant

Zoning:

RM

Future Land Use:

Residential

Surrounding Use & Zoning:

A mix of compact single dwelling units and townhouses to the north. Some industrial properties along Pine Glen Road.

Municipal Servicing:

Proposed lots have access to Municipal Services along Dickey Boulevard

Access-Egress: Dickey Boulevard

Municipal Plan Policies

Policy 9.0.7 It shall be the intention of Council to instruct the Committee, when a proposed subdivision involves dedication of lands for public purposes or cash in lieu, to have regard for the following:

- (a) the existence of other nearby facilities;
- (b) quantity and nature of local recreation demand;
- (c) land suitability for intended purpose;
- (d) accessibility;
- (e) site frontage;
- (f) potential for integration with existing park and open space network;
- (g) compatibility with existing and proposed land uses;
- (h) potential vehicular generation and necessity for on-site parking; and
- (i) potential maintenance and property tax cost.

Zoning and/or Subdivision By-law Regulation

Zoning By-law

80 Unless otherwise permitted in this By-law, except for walking or cycling trails, a boat house, wharf, dock, boardwalk or bridge, no development shall be located within:

- (a) 30 metres of the Petitcodiac River;
- (b) 30 metres of Mill Creek;
- (c) 30 metres of Turtle Creek; and
- (d) 10 metres of any other watercourse

Subdivision By-law

"land for public purposes" means land other than streets for the recreational or other use for the enjoyment of the general public.

Lands for Public Purpose

4(1) As a condition of approval of a subdivision plan, land in the amount often (10) percent of the area of the subdivision exclusive of public streets, at such location as assented to by Council pursuant to the Community Planning Act, is to be set aside as "lands for public purposes", and so indicated on the plan.

Internal Consultation & External Consultation

The application was discussed with the Development Review Committee (Planning, CAO/Clerk, Engineering, Economic Development, Parks, and Fire Department). Engineering and public works confirmed that the access provided to the proposed stormwater detention pond is adequate. No concerns were raised.

Riverview Parks and Recreation Department have confirmed that, although there was once a vision for a pedestrian trail connecting Dobson Landing to Mill Creek Park through the LFPP land dedicated along Mill Creek, the topography of this area and proximity to steep embankments near to Gunningsville Boulevard impede this future trail connection. This means that the relocation of the stormwater detention pond will not affect trail connectivity and Riverview Parks and Recreation department is in agreement \square with the proposed location of the stormwater detention pond.

The proposal includes a 10m wide Local Government Services Easement with a 4m wide gravel road to ensure that the Town can still access the stormwater pond for maintenance. Town of Riverview Engineering has confirmed that this access meets their needs for future maintenance of the pond.

Discussion

Dobson Landing is a mixed use neighborhood which was originally approved by Council in 2015. Much of the residential component of the neighborhood has since been built out, and the applicant now requests approval for Phase 3 of the Dobson Landing Subdivision Plan. This tentative subdivision plan would complete Dickey Boulevard and connect the Dobson Landing Neighborhood with Pine Glen Road; create 10 new lots for residential development; and, as the focus of this item before PAC, relocate a proposed stormwater detention pond to an area previously assented to by Council as Land For Public Purpose (LFPP).

As Phase 3 requires a change to the existing Conditional Rezoning Agreement (CZA) for Dobson Landing, there is a parallel approval process underway from Council for this project. However, Council requires a written

recommendation from PAC in order to assent to a change to the LFPP. The details of the requested change to the LFPP are as follows:

- 1. LFPP is intended to provide recreational or other uses for the enjoyment of the general public. While the stormwater detention pond will be vested to the Town for future maintenance, stormwater infrastructure does not provide recreational value to the public and stormwater detention ponds are not considered LFPP in Riverview. As such, the area of the stormwater detention pond (+- 480m2) is considered to be removed from the overall dedication of LFPP within the Dobson Landing subdivision.
- 2. The original approval of the Dobson Landing Subdivision Plan in 2015 included a dedication of 29,830m2 of LFPP, which made up approximately 25% of the 119, 273 m2 total area of Dobson Landing, exclusive of roads. More than the required 10% LFPP was dedicated for the overall subdivision at this time (25%). The change to LFPP proposed today is for a 480m2 area which is not a large enough area to reduce the total dedication of LFPP below the required 10% threshold. This means that cash in lieu of LFPP is not required for the application because the Dobson Landing Subdivision meets the requirement of the Subdivision By-law for at least 10% of the area exclusive of roads to be dedicated as LFPP.
- 3. Regardless of cash in lieu requirements, a change to LFPP is still proposed and this requires assent from Council as there is a change to what was proposed and approved by Council in 2015.

The main intention of relocating the stormwater detention pond is the reconfiguration of proposed lots to allow the development of additional townhouse units along Dickey Boulevard. This change will allow a net increase of 9 residential units. The addition of townhouse units facing Dickey Boulevard creates a more active street frontage and increases the the diversity and density of housing options in the Town. These outcomes are aligned with residential development priorities in the Municipal Plan.

Town of Riverview Engineering and Public Works department has confirmed that access to the stormwater pond is adequate for future maintenance of the stormwater pond and Riverview Parks and Recreation Department has confirmed that they are in agreement with the change to LFPP as it does not negatively impact objectives of the Department for trail connectivity. The zoning requirement for development to be restricted within 30m of Mill Creek is met, but the applicant will be required to obtain a Provincial Wetland and Watercourse Alteration (WAWA) permit for any landscaping within 30m of Mill Creek prior to the approval of the subdivision plan.

Public Notice

No public notice was required for this application.

Legal Authority

Community Planning Act

88(1) If a subdivision plan of land in a municipality provides for the laying out of public or future streets or the setting aside of land for public purposes, approval of the plan by the development officer shall not be given until the plan has been assented to by council.

88(4) An asset under this section shall not be given until

(a) subject to subsection (8), the advisory committee or regional service commission has recommended the location of the streets referred to subsection (1) or (2), or the land for public purposes referred to in subsection (1) or (3), or both, as the case may be, or the recommendation has been rejected by a majority of the members of council, and (b) paragraph 75(1)(i)has been complied with.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully recommend that the Riverview Planning Advisory Committee recommend the Town of Riverview Council assent to the change to Land for Public Purpose as shown on the Dobson Landing Subdivision Plan.

