## **Riverview Planning Advisory Committee**

## November 9, 2022

# **Staff Report**

**Subject:** New location of public streets and land for public purpose

File number 21-1851

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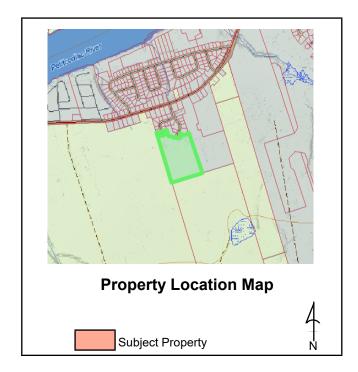
## **General Information**

## Applicant:

# **Landowner /:**Ja-Ron Enterprises

# Proposal:

Unit 2 of Smith Hill Subdivision to create new public streets, land for public purposes.



# **Site Information**

**PID:** 05098314

Lot Size: 6.8ha

**Location:** 

Cudmore street, Carrington Drive

Current Use: vacant land

Zoning :

Residential Mixed

**Future Land Use:** 

Residential

Surrounding Use & Zoning: Residential mixed, Rural Area,

and Single unit dwelling

**Municipal Servicing:** 

municipal water and sewer

Access-Egress: Cudmore to Coverdale road

#### **Policies**

Road Network

The fact that Riverview has traditionally served as a bedroom community for employers in Moncton and Dieppe raises many challenges for the ongoing maintenance of the public street system. With the automobile continuing to be the major mode of transport, funding from senior levels of government becoming harder to acquire, and increased through traffic to Moncton and beyond (e.g. Fundy National Park), the future road network must be carefully planned. The Town has acknowledged the importance of this issue and is committed to working on a tricommunity Sustainable Transportation Plan. Improving the connectivity of streets will enhance traffic movement in the Town, increase the choices for travel, and influence traffic patterns and

travel behavior.

**Policy 4.6.12** Council shall encourage connectivity between neighbourhoods and local streets based on the smart growth principles of this Plan.

**Policy 5.1.2** It shall be the intention of Council to encourage developments to incorporate smart growth principles such as:

- (a) mix land uses;
- (b) complete, walkable, vibrant neighbourhoods;
- (c) transportation choices;
- (d) housing choices;
- (e) encourage new developments within the existing urban growth boundary;
- (f) preserve green spaces, natural beauty, and environmentally sensitive areas;
- (g) utilize smarter and cost effective infrastructure and green buildings;
- (h) foster a unique sense of identity; and
- (i) community involvement.

**Policy 5.6.2** It shall be the intention of Council to provide, within the Residential Mix zone (RM) a variety of housing styles, including single and two unit dwellings and semi-detached dwellings as well as permitting within single unit dwellings secondary uses such as an accessory dwelling unit, a garden suite, a home

occupation, a bed and breakfast or, as per Policy 5.4.5, a home daycare.

**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.

**Policy 9.0.9** It shall be the intention of Council to discourage small park spaces, such as tot lots, and instead encourage district parks and connectivity between them, so that all residents have adequate accessibility to parks, open spaces and recreational facilities.

#### **Zoning and/or Subdivision Regulation**

#### **Lands for Public Purposes**

4. (l) As a condition of approval of a subdivision plan, land in the amount often (l 0) 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.

- (2) Council may require, in lieu ofland set aside under subsection (1), a sum of money to be paid to the municipality in the amount of eight percent of the market value of the land in the proposed subdivision at the time of submission for approval of the subdivision plan exclusive of streets intended to be publicly owned.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall affect the ability of the applicant and the Town of Riverview to enter into an agreement providing for the setting aside of part land and part cash-in-lieu, provided that the aggregate value

to the Town shall not be less than that provided in subsections (1) or (2).

#### **Internal Consultation & External Consultation**

The proposal was discussed with the Development Review Committee (Planning, CAO/Administration, Engineering and Works, Parks, Economic Development, Fire and Rescue). No concerns were raised regarding the proposal, and staff is satisfied with the street location and lands for public purpose.

All public utilities were contacted and are satisfied with the easements as proposed.

Civic addresses have been assigned.

#### Discussion

In August of 2021 an application was received to complete the Smith Hill subdivision (unit 2) This parcel had been previously approved by council in 2010 as part of an overall subdivision plan. The amount of land for public purpose proposed at that time was only sufficient to develop the first Unit so Council determined that cash in lieu would be used for the remaining lands. The plan submitted in 2021 also modified the street network and so a new recommendation and approval is now required.

The changes include the relocation of future street access to neighboring properties, removal of some cross streets, and an addition to the land for public purpose being dedicated.

The removal of the cross streets (Cannon and Carpenter) actually reduces the total number of lots proposed but increases the size of the lots which could allow for different housing options within the development. It also does not create any cul-de-sacs and the plan follows the subdivision by-law requirements except for the connectivity to neighboring parcels. The 2010 plan proposed connections to the east, south, and west.

The current plan removed the connection to the west and replaced it with Lot 22-5 due to rumours of a potentially incompatible use occurring on the adjacent property (PID 00645754) in the future. No development application has been received for the adjacent PID, and Staff are of the opinion that this connection would ideally be maintained to provide connectivity from all directions. That said, the connections to the east and south will be maintained to allow for connectivity to the future collector roads shown on the Future Roads map. Further, PID 00645754 is currently outside the Urban Growth Boundary, and has enough road frontage to provide more than one access point if and when it is developed at some point in the future.

For the land for public purpose requirement the market value of the land was never established during the approval in 2010 so this must be addressed during this application at today's value. The amount of land previously dedicated was more than what was required for the registered plan (Phase 1) but not enough to cover the entire subdivision.

Unit 1 plan
Total area 21362m2 @ 10% = 2136m2
Amount of LFPP dedicated 3549m2 leaving a credit of 1413m2

Unit 2 plan
Total area 52895m2 minus Unit 1 credit of 14130m2 = 38765m2
10% of 38765m2 = 3876m2 LFPP owed
3876m2 minus new LFPP dedication of 1078m2 = 2798m2 remaining LFPP contribution required.

2798m2 of land for public purpose would be equivalent to approximately two of the larger lots in the proposed development. When negotiating the market value of the land with the developer there was a significant difference between the market value staff was proposing and what the developer considered a reasonable amount. As a compromise, the additional land for public purpose is now proposed adjacent to the existing lands (previously lot 21-36) which significantly increases the road frontage dedicated as park land, which was deemed as desirable by the Development Review Committee, since it will increase the visibility into the park as well as increasing the size of the park.

The Committee also recognized that the additional park frontage will result in a financial loss to the

developer, since the road and associated infrastructure will still need to be built without the sale of the lot to compensate for those costs. As such, the Committee was willing to factor those costs into the remaining cash requirement. Town Administration worked with the developer to agree on a cash contribution of \$30,000, which will be the amount considered by Council. Staff support this amount considering the amount and location of land that is being dedicated for this subdivision.

No other issues were identified during the review of the development with municipal staff.

#### **Public Notice**

No public notice is 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)** (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 recommends that the Riverview Planning Advisory Committee recommend the Town of Riverview council assent to the extention of Cudmore Street and Carrington Drive as well as the land for public purposes as shown on the Smith Hill Estates Unit 2 subdivision plan dated September 23, 2022.

