

MINUTES OF AGENDA NUMBER 57, OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD, HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2022, AT THE LAIRD TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: *Mayor:* Dick Beitz
Councilors: Todd Rydall
 Frank Turco
Clerk: Jennifer Errington

Special Public Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m., to consider rezoning Part Lot 20 Plan H761. The Clerk presented Ministry of Transportation (MTO) correspondence received on November 9, 2022 which indicated that the MTO supported the application in principle however commented that the Highway 17 right-of-way is abnormally wide and that *“The subject lands technically have 220 meters of frontage on highway 17 right-of-way which would render the proposed amendment unnecessary”*. MTO correspondence also cautioned the applicant at this time, *“The Ministry has no intention of hindering the current access to the property from the highway. However, the MTO has initiated an internal detailed review of the circumstances under which the property fronting the highway was acquired and designated in 1977. Before any further development of the property or alterations to the existing entrance are permitted. The Ministry will need to complete its internal review”*. The MTO will provide an update on the circumstances of the 1977 property acquisition once the internal review has been completed.

No other objections or support of the rezoning were received.

ON MOTION (No. 163-22) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Frank Turco that Council directs the Clerk to refund the applicant the \$200.00 Zoning Amendment fee as it was determined based on the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) correspondence that the subject property technically has 220 meters of frontage on the Highway 17 right-of-way which renders the amendment unnecessary. Furthermore, Council requests the Clerk to provide the applicant with MTOs response to caution at this time and recommends applicant seek legal counsel and MTO approval prior to any activity on the property. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 164-22) of Frank Turco, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council adopts By-law 1066-22 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on November 10, 2022. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 165-22) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Frank Turco that Council meeting be adjourned at 6:23 p.m. **CARRIED**

Mayor – _____
Richard (Dick) Beitz

Clerk – _____
Jennifer Errington