

Subject: Edelbrock Centre Transit Transfer Station Feasibility Update

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Transportation and Development

Report #: INS-2021-008

Meeting Date: 2021-01-25

Recommendations

That report INS-2021-008, Edelbrock Centre Transit Transfer Station Feasibility Update be received;

And that Council direct staff to proceed in accordance with Option _ as described in the report.

Background

At its meeting on November 23, 2020 Council revisited and ultimately overturned the resolution to locate the transit transfer point on Broadway between First Street and John Street. Subsequently, Dufferin County Council at their meeting on December 10, 2020 passed a motion to work with the Town of Orangeville to investigate potential options to locate a transit transfer point at the County's Edelbrock Social Services Building located on Centre Street.

On December 14, 2020, Council directed staff to work with the County staff to assess the feasibility and costs for locating the transit transfer point at the Edelbrock Centre, connecting Centre Street with Dawson Road based on preliminary design work prepared by Triton Engineering Services Limited (TESL). The following report provides an update on this matter and discussions held since mid-December. The report also updates Council on the matter of adding a second community garden.

Analysis

Staff is seeking Council direction regarding the siting of a new Transit Transfer Point. As Council has overturned the earlier selection of the downtown transfer point, there is currently no approved location. To facilitate the design of an efficient four-route transit system, it is necessary to establish a centrally located transfer point. Below is

information to assist Council in determining if it would like staff to pursue the option of locating the transit transfer point at the County-owned Edelbrock Centre.

Infrastructure Services has spoken with Staff at the County of Dufferin. County Staff acknowledged their willingness to work with the Town on re-locating Orangeville's Transit transfer point to the Edelbrock Centre property. However, in noting this, County Staff highlighted a number of matters which need to be satisfactorily addressed before acceptance and final approval. Specifically, the County highlighted that impacts on operations at the Edelbrock Centre, traffic/noise, route alignment, environmental matters, washroom and parking would need to be addressed. Further, property rights issues will require thorough consideration in order to determine an appropriate arrangement to satisfy each party. In summary, the County wish to ensure that the Edelbrock Centre can co-exist with the proposed new transfer point without impacting the Centre's current and/or future functions.

If Town Council chooses to pursue this option, County Staff plan to seek Committee and Council approval of criteria including the items noted above. On this basis Staff for the Town and the County will be able to ensure all matters are addressed to the satisfaction of both levels of government. County scheduling is to have a report presentation to Committee in late February 2021 and final approval of the review criteria by County Council in March 2021. During this period, both the County and Town Staff acknowledged to have further open dialogue on the transit transfer station.

With respect to costs, the original cost estimate for the dedicated transit road running between Centre Street and Dawson Road through the Edelbrock Centre property was \$378,000.00. This cost estimate is still considered to be valid, however it did not include several optional items that have been subsequently discussed including:

- Modifying the design to accommodate six buses instead of four;
- Adding a heated waiting area; and,
- Adding washroom facilities.

As staff work through the design, the list of design features and costs will be finalized.

Community Garden

Community Services, through their Facilities and Parks Division have been directed by Council to carry out site evaluations to determine potential community garden sites. Potential garden sites require an evaluation of environmental conditions, elevation changes and drainage, soil conditions, accessibility, safety and security and expandability. To date Community Services has considered 40' x 60' plots at several locations. These include:

- Alder Recreation Centre,
- Tony Rose Recreation Centre,
- Rotary Park,

- Harvey Curry Park, and
- Kin Family Park.

Community Services continues to review and evaluate these locations for suitability. This confirms that additional and alternative community garden plots are actively being considered in 2021.

Options

As noted above, staff are seeking Council direction regarding the establishment of a new, centrally located transit transfer point. Information regarding the feasibility of locating the transfer point at the Edelbrock Centre is provided in this report. Staff suggest that Council have three options regarding the selection of a location:

1. Simply receive the report.

While this option is available to Council, it would not provide staff with direction regarding the establishment of a centrally located transit transfer point.

2. Council approves the location of the transit transfer point on a transit way connecting Centre Street and Dawson Road at the Edelbrock Centre and directs staff to work with County staff to develop an acceptable design;

Selecting this option would provide staff with clear direction to establish a centrally located transit transfer point on the Edelbrock property. Staff would work with the County to develop a preliminary design that is acceptable to both levels of government and would report back to Council for further direction on design details.

3. Council directs staff to report back to Council with alternative options for a transit transfer point.

Over the past several years there have been studies conducted by consultants, a Committee and a Task Force, all of which have made recommendations regarding where to site a new transit transfer point. Staff could assemble the options along with the benefits and drawbacks of each for Council's review.

Strategic Alignment

Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan

Priority Area: Sustainable Infrastructure

Objective: Provide Systems That Keep People Moving

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Transportation Systems

Strategy: Promote More Sustainable & Efficient Transportation Systems

Financial Impact

There are no adverse financial impacts associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted

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