



Council report

Meeting date:	April 6, 2021
Title:	Unmaintained Road Allowance South Line Road
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Recommendation

THAT council maintain the access gate at the unmaintained road allowance located north of the intersection at South Line Road and Side Road 50.

Executive summary

There have been enquiries regarding the public access to the road allowance located just north of the intersection of South Line Road and Side Road 50. This report addresses the accessibility to the unmaintained road allowance.

Background and discussion

The former Township of Glenelg installed a locked gate at the entrance to the unmaintained road allowance located just north of the intersection of South Line Road and Side Road 50. It was gated and locked by the township for liability reasons.

Recently, West Grey received correspondence from residents in the area of the road allowance that are for and against keeping the locked gate in place. The correspondence describes the position and rationale for each resident.

West Grey has many unmaintained road allowances. Some are gated and locked and are only accessible by key holders, such as farmers, and property owners who are loggers. This is the case for the unmaintained road allowance at South Line Road and Side Road 50.

There are also unmaintained road allowances that are accessed by the special interest groups such as snowmobile clubs. These are typically not gated and locked.

There are also some unmaintained road allowances that are only accessed in the summer months; and are not maintained in the winter. These are usually for people who access their summer cottage properties and farmland.



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All of the arrangements to access the unmaintained road allowances have evolved through time and are typically a legacy based administration.

Legal and legislated requirements

Legally, the Municipality of West Grey is liable for all activities that take place on unmaintained road allowances owned by West Grey.

Financial and resource implications

None

Staffing implications

None

Consultation

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Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: Build a better future

Goal: Vibrant community

Strategy: Maintain and invest in our infrastructure; be responsible stewards of the tax dollars

Attachments

None

Next steps

Pending council direction, staff will ensure that all of the existing gated and locked unmaintained road allowances have a proper sign and are maintained, including the one located at South Line Road and Side Road 50.

Respectfully submitted:

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