Report



Date November 16, 2022 File: 0930-20 CAT

Subject Land Swap with Catalyst for continued use of waterline (property disposition)

PURPOSE

To authorize the disposition of North Cowichan property to Catalyst Paper Corporation in exchange for the acquisition of adjacent property from Catalyst for an existing waterline.

BACKGROUND

In a closed meeting on October 4, 2022, North Cowichan Council considered a request for a land swap between Catalyst Paper Corporation and North Cowichan. They authorized that the notice of property disposition includes the proposed disposition of North Cowichan property (a portion of PID: 009-919-881) to Catalyst Paper Corporation in exchange for the acquisition of adjacent property from Catalyst (a portion of PID: 009-024-336) that is not used for the waterline (Attachment 1).

The notice of property disposition required by section 26 of the *Community Charter* (Attachment 2) was published in the October 27, 2022, and November 3, 2022, editions of the Cowichan Valley Citizen and Chemainus Valley Courier and was posted to the public notice posting places.

DISCUSSION

As of the date of this report, no feedback was received regarding the notice of property disposition. Council approval is now required to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign agreements to complete the transaction.

IMPLICATIONS

Catalyst has agreed to pay for all legal document preparation, survey work, notice advertising costs, and land title registration costs associated with this property transfer. This includes North Cowichan's reasonable legal fees and expenses (up to \$2,500). As a result, staff do not anticipate any financial costs to North Cowichan in proceeding with this property transfer.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council

- (1) Approve the disposition of North Cowichan property (a portion of PID: 009-919-881) to Catalyst Paper Corporation in exchange for the acquisition of adjacent property from Catalyst (a portion of PID: 009-024-336) that is not used for the waterline; and,
- (2) Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign any agreements and forms required to complete this property transaction.

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Attachments:

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Chief Administrative Officer

- (1) 2022-10-04 IC-RTC Land swap for use of North Cowichan property by Catalyst for existing waterline
- (2) Notice of Proposed Property Disposition