

## COUNCIL REPORT

M&C No.	2019-218
Report Date	August 28, 2019
Meeting Date	September 09, 2019
Service Area	Finance and Administrative Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

**SUBJECT:** Acquisition of Civic #2-4 Hillcrest Road

**OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION**

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

**AUTHORIZATION**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Common Council adopt the following resolution:

1. That The City of Saint John acquire PID No. 426700 from Molly May Holdings Corporation for \$7,000.00 plus normal adjustments and administrative fees associated with the land transfer; and
2. That the Mayor and Common Clerk be authorized to execute any document(s) necessary to finalize this transaction.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The owner of the property at civic #2 to 4 Hillcrest Road, recently approached the City and offered to sell the vacant lot, identified as PID No. 426700 (see attached map). The property is a 1.25 acre +/- parcel of land in east Saint John at the corner of Hillcrest and Golden Grove Roads. A portion of an adjoining public street known as Cathline Drive encroaches upon the parcel in question. Transportation and Environment Services is supportive of the City acquiring the entire property.

**PREVIOUS RESOLUTION**

N/A

## ***STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT***

This report aligns with Council's Priority for Valued Service Delivery, specifically as it relates to meeting the needs of its citizens.

## ***REPORT***

The owner of PID No. 426700, Molly May Holdings Corporation has offered its 1.25 acre +/- acre parcel, located at the corner of Hillcrest and Golden Grove Roads to the City for \$7,000.00. A significant portion of the intersection of Hillcrest Road and Cathline Drive encroaches upon the subject property that has existed for a number of years. The owner of the property has listed it for sale but upon the realization that an adjoining street intersection encroaches onto the lot, the City was contacted seeking its interest.

An option would be to have the City acquire only that portion of the lot that is encroached upon by the City street; however, the owner is reluctant to sell only a portion to the City. In addition, the costs associated to survey and proceed with the street vesting process, along with a premium on the sale price that would make it worthwhile to the owner result in a total cost close to the agreed upon price to purchase the entire property. Real Estate Services negotiated a lower purchase price than is listed on MLS. Transportation and Environment Services are in agreement to purchase the property in order to remove the encroachment.

## ***SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES***

The City will expend \$7,000.00 to purchase the subject property and property taxes on this lot are currently \$91.00 per annum.

## ***INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS***

Transportation and Environment Services would be the steward of the parcel and have expressed interest in acquiring the entire parcel under the circumstances.

## ***ATTACHMENT***

Location Map