



Administrative Report

Office of the Director, Infrastructure & Planning Services

To: Warden MacDonald and Members of Essex County Council

From: Allan Botham, P.Eng.
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Subject: Adjustments to County Road Segments in the Municipality of Leamington

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Purpose

The purpose of this Administrative Report (the "**Report**") is to provide County Council information and recommendations to update the existing County Connecting Link agreement with the Municipality of Leamington.

Background

Sections of road within each of the Local Municipal Partner ("**LMP**") municipalities, that are not part of the County owned road network, but are extensions of, or connections to, the County road network, are referred to as "Connecting Links".

Limits of Connecting Links are described in separate by-laws for each LMP, and may be adjusted from time to time, as approved by County Council. The by-law authorizing a connecting link agreement with the Municipality of Leamington is By-law 46-2008.

Discussion

By way of resolution, the Council of the Municipality of Leamington, approved, in principle, amendments to the existing Connecting Link limits within the Municipality's urban area (please refer to **Appendix I**). The amendments, or adjustments, to the Connecting Link limits, are presented in the draft Amending Agreement attached to this Report as **Appendix II**, and generally summarized in Table 1 and Figure 1 below.

Table 1

County Road	Local Name	Proposed Change
CR20	Seacliff Drive	Extend the western limit from Branton Drive westerly to just east of Fraser Road
CR34	Talbot Street West	Extend the western limit from Armstrong Drive westerly to just east of Fraser Road
CR48	Oak Street West	Extend the western limit from Industrial Road to just east of Fraser Road

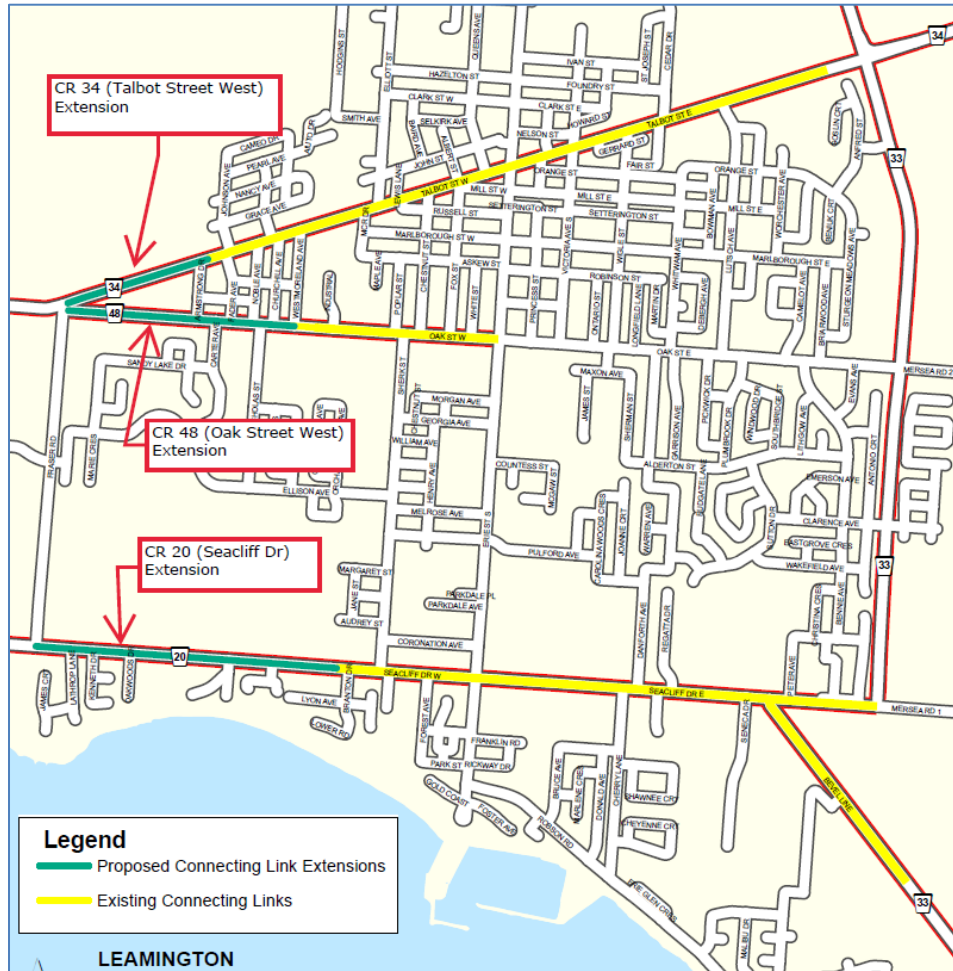


Figure 1

Given the existing conditions within settlement area, surrounding land use, and preparedness of the Municipality to assume responsibility of the subject road segments, Administration recommends that County Council support the proposed changes.

Changes to the Connecting Link limits will move ownership and, therefore, governance to the Municipality of Leamington, responsible for management of the road allowance, including permitting, access, and maintenance. The County will support the Municipality of Leamington financially according to the cost sharing model presented in the draft Amending Agreement attached to this Report as **Appendix II**, and the County will continue to share in winter maintenance operations of ploughing and salting of the Connecting Links.

The overall change is a reduction to the County owned road network and, corresponding increase to the County Connecting Link network of approximately 2.77 km. (please refer to Table 2 below).

Table 2

County Road	Local Name	Current Connecting Link Distance (m)	Revised Connecting Link Distance (m)	Change (m)
CR20	Seacliff Drive	2,249	3,460	1,211
CR34	Talbot Street West	2,704	3,270	566
CR48	Oak Street West	765	1,755	990
			Total Change	2,767

It is also proposed, at this time, to transfer three small pieces of property to the County of Essex, from the Municipality of Leamington for the purpose of cleaning up the intersections of CR20 at Fraser Road, and CR48 at Fraser Road (please refer to Figures 2 & 3).

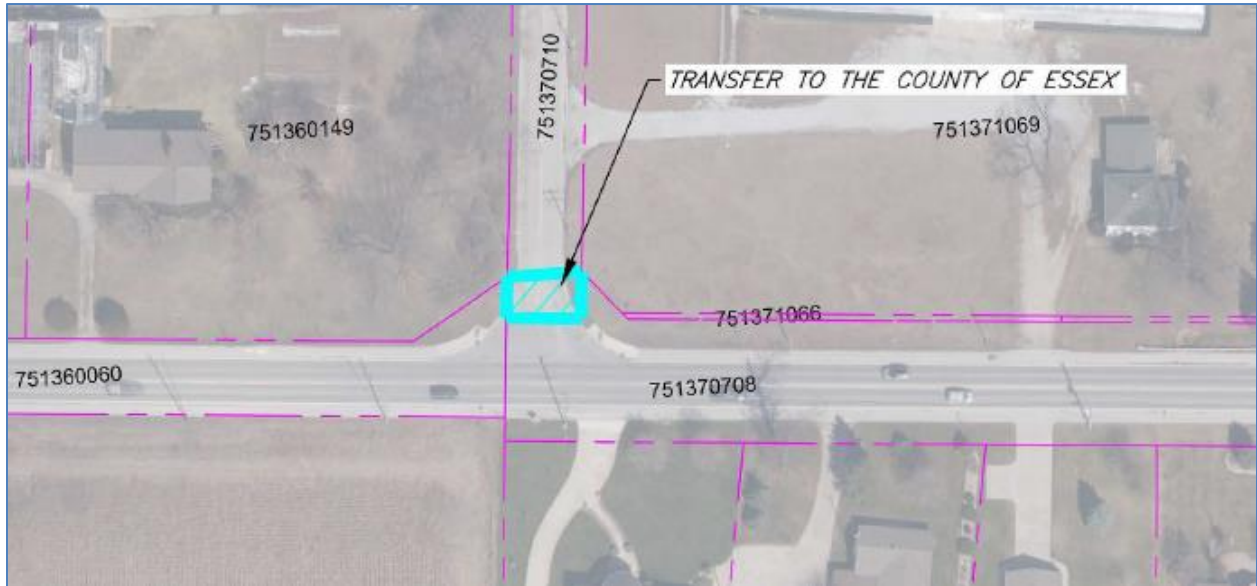


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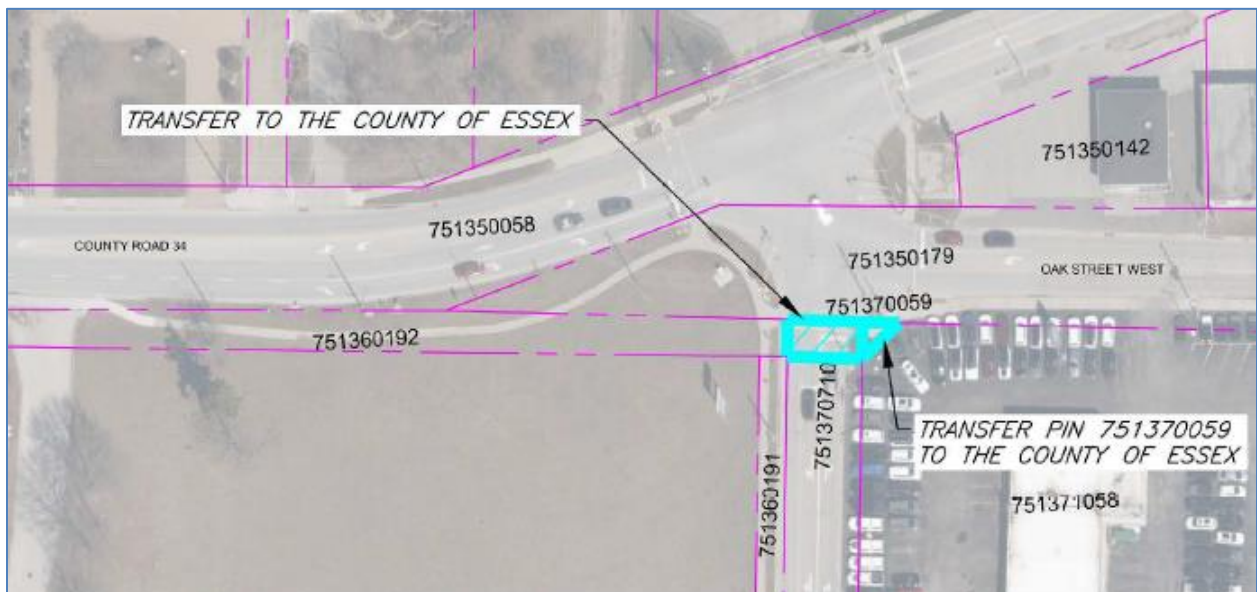


Figure 3

Financial Implications

As presented by the Municipality in attached **Appendix I**, there is no direct cost to the County for transfer of lands or adjusting the Connecting Link limits. The reduced length of County owned roadway should result in reduced maintenance costs and liability.

Consultations

The County Solicitor and Administration of the Municipality of Leamington were consulted during preparation of this report.

Recommendation

That Essex County Council approve by-law 2024-24 authorizing an amendment to the existing Connecting Link Agreement with the Municipality of Leamington;

That Essex County Council rescind by-law 46-2008; and

That Essex County Council authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute any and all agreements and documents necessary to receive lands from the Municipality of Leamington as described in this Report, being Report 2024-0515-IPS-R06-AB.

Approvals

Respectfully Submitted,

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Appendix	Title
I	ENG 07-24 County Connecting Links Agreement Amendment
II	Draft Amending Agreement – Leamington CL Agreement