



**ENG-07-24**

## **Report**

**To: Mayor and Members of Council**

**From: Bill Fuerth, P. Eng., Manager of Engineering Services**

**Date: February 8, 2024**

**Re: County Connecting Links Agreement Amendment**

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### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that:

1. Council approve, in principle, the amendments to the Connecting Links Agreement proposed herein and that the Director of Infrastructure be granted the delegated authority to execute the revised agreement with the County of Essex; and
2. Council approve the transfer of, at no cost to the County of Essex, the 17.8 square metre parcel of land identified as PIN 751370059 and as Part of Lot 3, Registered Plan 402, 12R-27106, Part 1; and
3. Council approve the transfer of, at no cost to the County, the 73.2 square meter parcel of land identified as the portion of PIN 751370710 measured 30 m from it's current northernmost limits, and as depicted in Figure 3 of this report; and
4. Council approve the transfer of, at no cost to the County, the 83.5 square meter parcel of land identified as the portion of PIN 751370710 measured 7.55 m from it's current southernmost limits, and as depicted in Figure 3 of this report. (ENG-07-24)

### **Background:**

A connecting link is defined as a roadway which is not part of the network belonging to the County of Essex but is an extension of, or connects to, sections of road included in

the County of Essex's road network. There are four connecting links found in the Municipality of Leamington, which are part of Talbot Street (County Road 34), part of Oak Street (County Road 48), part of Seacliff Drive (County Road 20) and part of Bevel Line (County Road 33).

The County Connecting Link Agreement (CCLA) formed between the County of Essex and the Municipality of Leamington identifies the extent of the County Connecting Links (CCL) throughout the Municipality as well as the degree of maintenance responsibility allotted to each party to the agreement. The intent of this report is to amend the extents of the connecting links, as defined in the agreement and consequently adjust maintenance assessments accordingly.

The most recent revision of the agreement is dated 2008, Administration report CL/35/08. The revisions made at that time included revisions to the CCL boundaries and clarifications to maintenance responsibilities shared between the County of Essex and the Municipality of Leamington. Moreover, a change to a connecting link boundary was made in 2020, by way of a memorandum of understanding between the CAO's of the Municipality of Leamington and the County of Essex, extending the westerly boundary on County Road 48/Oak Street West to the western limit of the Westmoreland Avenue right of way (R.O.W.). This was done to ensure a traffic signal was constructed at the Westmoreland and Oak Street intersection during the development of the new Leamington high school. This new agreement will formalize that amendment as well.

## **Comments:**

The current CCLA defines the CCL on County Road 20/Seacliff Drive as extending from Municipal Number 71 Seacliff Drive West to 432 m east of County Road 33/Bevel Line Road. The revised County Road 20/Seacliff Drive CCL recommended in this report would extend from 70 m East of Fraser Road to 432 m east of County Road 33/Bevel Line Road. The intent of this revision is to update the westerly CCL boundaries to reflect the proposed future extent of municipal servicing in the County Road 20/Seacliff Drive right of way (ROW) required to facilitate future development in southwestern Leamington. Associated with this development is the construction of a roundabout to service future residential development on the North side of County Road 20/Seacliff Drive. By adjusting the boundaries as identified in this report, this roundabout intersection, required for residential development, would be under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Leamington; the appropriate local government to control such an intersection. The revised westerly limit of the CCL is depicted for reference in Figure 2, below.

The current CCLA defines the CCL on County Road 34/Talbot Street as extending from the former west limit of Leamington to the former east limit of Leamington. The revised County Road 34/Talbot Street CCL recommended in this report would extend from the easterly limit of Municipal Number 256 County Road 34/Talbot Street West to the westerly limit of Municipal Number 235 County Road 34/Talbot Street East. This revision was requested by the County of Essex. The easterly limit has been revised in

this report only for clarity and no relocation of the physical boundary is proposed, however the revised westerly limit of the CCL is depicted for reference in Figure 2, below.

The current CCLA defines the CCL on County Road 48/Oak Street as extending from the former west line of Leamington to Erie Street. The revised County Road 48/Oak Street CCL recommended in this report would extend from the easterly limit of Municipal Number 256 County Road 34/Talbot Street West to Erie Street. The revised westerly limit of the CCL is depicted for reference in Figure 2, below.

Table 1 and Figure 1, provided below, summarize the proposed revised CCL extents as proposed in this report.

**Table 1 – Proposed Connecting Links Extents**

County Road	Local Name	Location
CR20	Seacliff Dr	From 70 m East of Fraser Road to 432 m East of County Road 33/Bevel Line Road
CR33	Bevel Line Road	CR20 (Seacliff Dr.) to Former Limit of Leamington
CR34	Talbot Street	From the Easterly Limit of Municipal Number 256 County Road 34/Talbot Street West to the Westerly Limit of Municipal Number 235 County Road 34/Talbot Street East
CR48	Oak Street	From the Easterly Limit of Municipal Number 256 County Road 34/Talbot Street West to Erie Street

In addition to the revision of the CCLA this report is recommending the transfer of three pieces of Municipal property to the County of Essex, as these area form part of intersections to be maintained by the County at their own cost. Those pieces of land are as follows:

- An 17.8 square metre parcel of land identified as PIN 751371059 and as Part of Lot 3, Registered Plan 402, 12R-27106, Part 1 (Figure 3)
- An 73.2 square metre parcel of land identified at the northernmost limits of PIN 751370710, as identified in Figure 3
- An 83.5 square meter parcel of land at the southernmost limits of PIN 751370710, as identified in Figure 3.

**Financial Impact:**

Though there is no direct financial impact associated with this report the revisions to the CCLA proposed herein will result in increases to the extents of the CCLs in accordance with the table provided below. The added length of Municipally owned road allowances will result in additional maintenance costs and liability, offset in part by the County’s share of those costs to be determined through final revisions of the CCLA to be completed by the County. The table below provides the current cost sharing agreement values for maintenance of the respective Right of Ways, intended to serve as a reference for potential future financial impacts resulting from the proposed revision to the CCLA.

**Extent of CCL Revisions**

County Road	Local Name	Current Distance	Revised Distance	County Share (2008 agreement)	Municipality Share (2008 agreement)
CR20	Seacliff Dr	2,249 m	3,431 m	82.9 %	17.1 %
CR33	Bevel Line Road	957 m	957 m	100%	0 %
CR34	Talbot Street	2,704 m	3,269 m	56.4 %	43.6 %
CR48	Oak Street	765 m	1,659 m	68.3%	31.7%

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- Figure 1 Overall Proposed County Connecting Link Boundary Amendments
- Figure 2 -Revised County Link Boundaries
- Figure 3 -PIN Parcels to be Transferred to The County

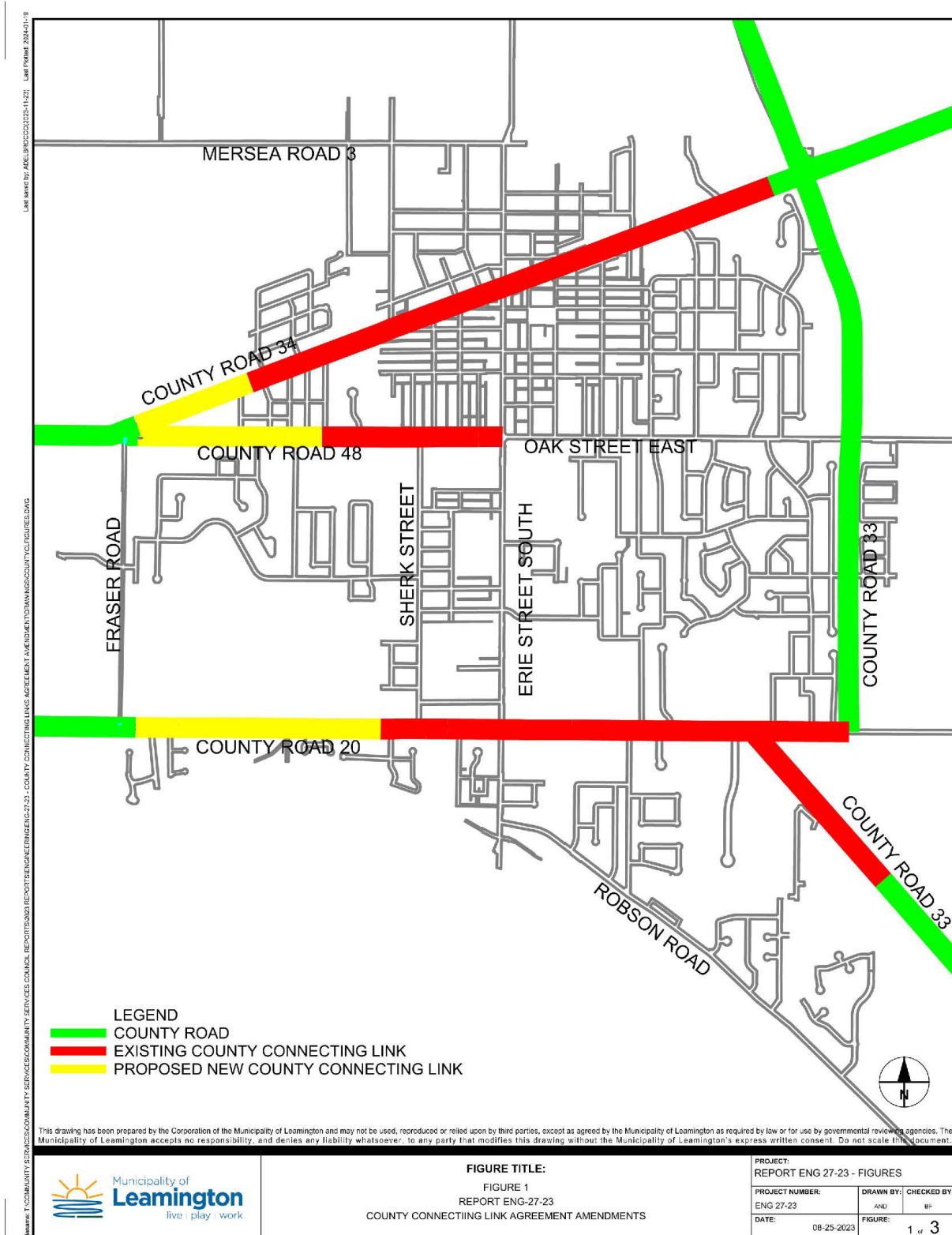


Figure 1 Overall Proposed County Connecting Link Boundary Amendments

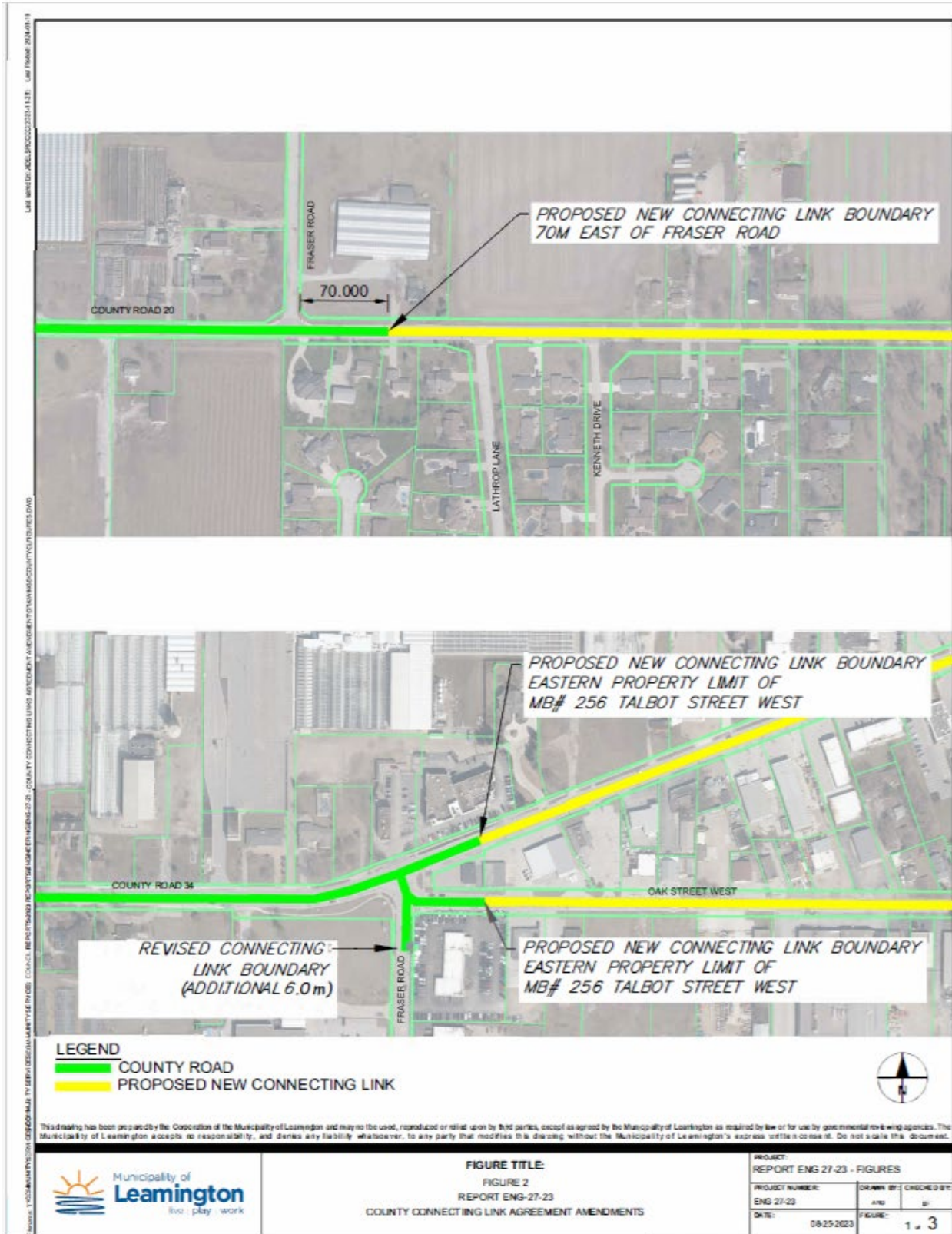


Figure 2 -Revised County Link Boundaries



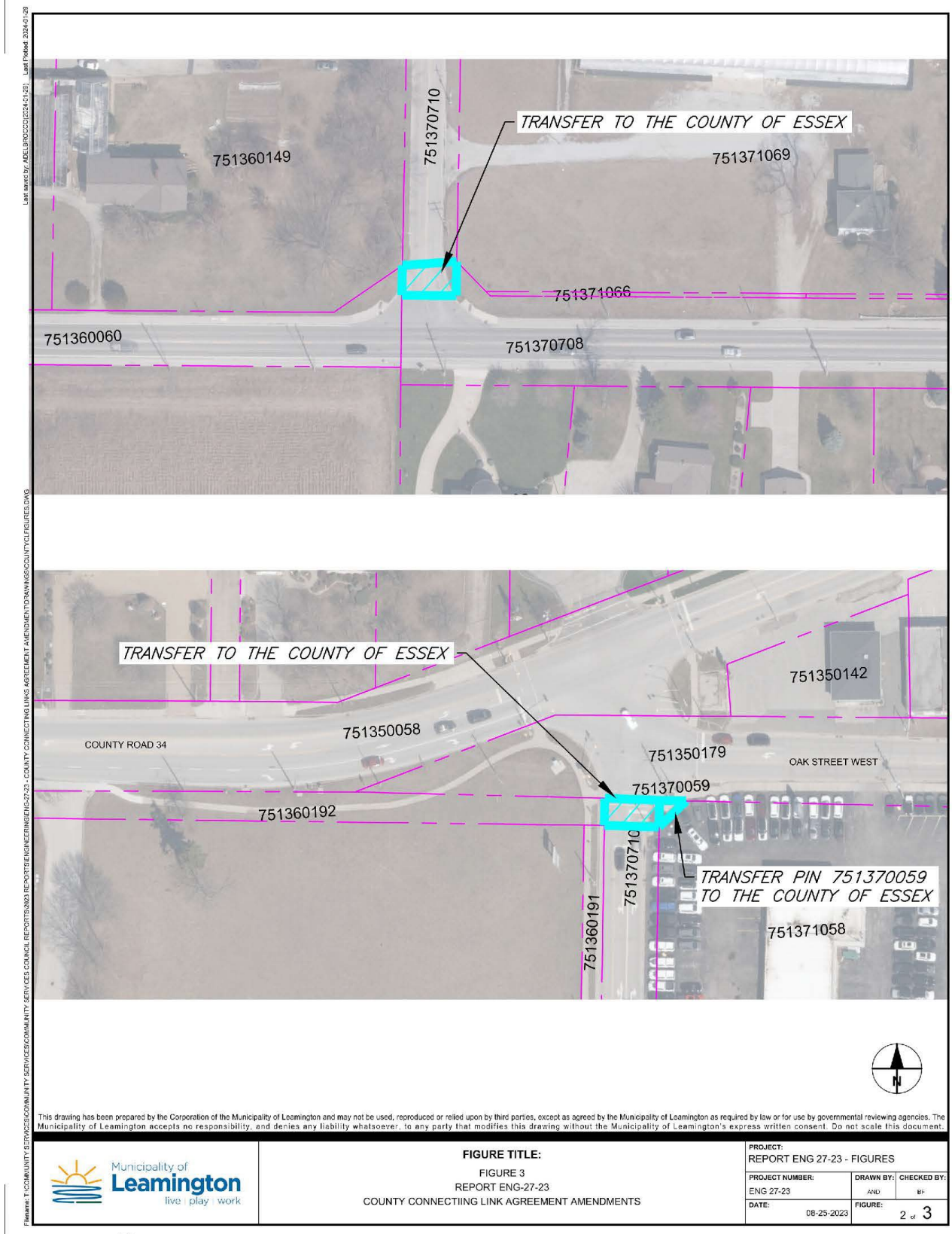


Figure 3 -PIN Parcels to be Transferred to The County

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Proposed Council Meeting Date: February 13, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

By-law Required or Attached:  Required  Attached

Public Meeting under Planning Act:  Yes  No

Drainage – Meeting to Consider:  Yes  No

Drainage – Court of Revision:  Yes  No

Presentation:  Yes  No

(If yes, please forward the presentation to Legislative Services.)

Consent Agenda Item:  Yes  No

