

Memorandum

Date: October 22, 2019

To: Members of Council

From: Robert Beatty, Specialist, Community Services

Subject: Status Update re: agreement between Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society and the Town of Caledon

BACKGROUND

The Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society (ABAS) submitted a letter dated October 18, 2017 to the Town of Caledon requesting the Town lands that the park shed sits on be transferred to ABAS and that both parties execute an agreement that will govern the use of the Albion Bolton Agricultural Society's lands and the Town of Caledon Recreation facilities located at 150 Queen Street South, Bolton. Subsequently, at the November 28, 2017 General Committee meeting, Council recommended the following:

“That staff be directed to collaborate with the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society to update the agreements in relation to the use of the fairgrounds and arena and to report back to Council by the end of March 2018.”

This motion was ratified at the December 5, 2017 Council meeting.

DISCUSSION

As a result of the motion the transfer of the park shed and land was finalized on December 20, 2017. The Town covered all the costs associated with the transfer. Further to the motion, Recreation staff met with members of ABAS to discuss maintenance, costs and shared use of the property. Together, both parties itemized a list of priorities to be outlined in detail in the joint-use agreement.

In order to complete the joint-use agreement and meet some of the priorities, as laid out by both parties, Town staff retained Young and Young Surveying to complete a survey of the entire property indicating property lines and utility locates. The survey and registered plan are anticipated to be completed in November 2019.

The Town and ABAS have been negotiating and agree with the priorities and needs from both sides. Once the survey is completed and the registered plan submitted, then the information will be incorporated into the agreement. Additional costs associated with the agreement will be incorporated in the 2020 budget for consideration.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will complete the property surveying process and continue to work closely with ABAS to present the joint-use agreement for Council consideration, at a later date.