



Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: September 26, 2023

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Subject: Request for Bylaw Exemption for Driveway Width
Strathroy Fire Station - Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc

BACKGROUND:

The Middlesex County Highway By-Law regulates activities within County right of ways including the construction of entrances. A number of construction specifications and standards are defined depending on the type and use of the driveway. From time to time exemptions to these standards are requested.

ANALYSIS:

The Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc is undertaking the redevelopment of their Strathroy Fire Station located at 220 East Centre Street on the north side of County Road 39 (Metcalf Street East). The redesigned site reorients the fire station such that fire response vehicles exit directly onto the County Road. A request from the municipality for an exemption from the maximum width standard of 9.0 m as prescribed in the County Highway By-Law is attached.

County staff are recommending that this exemption be granted. The design of the fire station is consistent with other emergency response facilities, and a similar exemption was granted to Middlesex Centre for their fire station in Coldstream along County Road 16 (Coldstream Road). Traffic generated from these facilities is highly visible and usually operating with lights and sirens when leaving the station.


Strathroy-Caradoc is proposing additional signage to help warn pedestrians about the potential for fire trucks to be utilizing the wide driveway as this station is within the developed area of Strathroy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS:

This report aligns with the following Strategic Focus, Goals, or Objectives:

Strategic Focus	Goals	Objectives
<div>Cultivating Community Vitality</div> <div></div>	Advance a diverse, healthy, and engaged community across Middlesex County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote and support community wellness• Innovate social and community services• Attract, retain, and engage youth in our community• Champion and encourage active transportation and public transit opportunities

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc be granted an exemption to the maximum width for driveway requirements as prescribed in the Middlesex County Highway By-law #5648 to allow for an 18.0 m wide driveway onto County Road 39 (Metcalf Street East) for the new fire station located at 220 East Centre Street in the Town of Strathroy.