



## **CITY OF ORILLIA**

### **COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE (CIP)**

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Waterfront Working Group

DATE: December 19, 2019

SUBJECT: **Waterfront Redevelopment Project Update**

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As previously reported to Council and the community there are a number of rights in the Metro lease which currently exist on the municipally owned lands, now referred to as the Waterfront Redevelopment lands, which would prevent and/or obstruct the redevelopment of the southern portion of the site. The City is pursuing the expropriation of these rights so that the area can be redeveloped. The City is not expropriating Metro's rights to operate a grocery store at 70 Front Street North.

As previously reported, Metro had requested a Hearing of Necessity (HON) as it relates to the City's expropriation of Metro's lease rights, and a HON was subsequently scheduled for August 14, 2019. On August 12, 2019, Metro withdrew their request for the HON, however, they subsequently requested a Judicial Review of the expropriation process. Resolution of this legal process is required to allow for the redevelopment of the lands. This process is taking longer than originally anticipated.

The City is now targeting a spring release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) with submissions due in the late fall period which will facilitate a public consultation on the development concepts submitted. Thereafter a preferred developer will be chosen, negotiations will take place and the sale could close as early as the first quarter of 2021.

Updates regarding the project timeline have been provided directly to the three proponents invited to take part in the RFP process, and updates will be provided to the community through the City's [Waterfront Redevelopment Webpage](#).

In the meantime, staff is making progress on other matters required to finalize the expropriation of lease rights process including reference plan and surveying work. Staff is also finalizing the RFP document, compiling background materials, and preparing the draft development agreement.

If Council has any questions in this regard, please contact Laura Thompson, Manager of Real Estate and Commercial Development, at [lthompson@orillia.ca](mailto:lthompson@orillia.ca) or 705-325-5818.