



NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER

REMOVAL OF COMMON RIGHT OF PASSAGE – TO PROHIBIT MOTOR VEHICLES & RESTRICT ACCESS ON THE OLD PENETANGUISHENE ROAD ALLOWANCE IN THE HILLSDALE COMMUNITY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Township of Springwater intends to consider a by-law to remove to common right of passage, prohibit motor vehicles, and restrict access on certain portions of the Old Penetanguishene Road allowance located in the Township of Springwater. Under certain circumstances, the proposed by-law would not deprive motor vehicle access to the owners of lands abutting the affected road allowances and would provide continued access for approved uses including the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club trails.

Background

In February 2006, the Township held a Public Open House to initiate the removal of the common right of passage on all unopened road allowances in the municipality in an effort to control off-road vehicle activity. After review of the received comments, the Township proceeded with only removing the right of passage on unopened portions of Matheson Road and Baseline Road, East of Apto (By-law No. 2006-061).

In November 2008, Springwater Township Council approved the Trails Master Plan. Recommendation 17 of this plan stated:

Do not permit ATV and off-road use on the Old Penetanguishene Road. Use this section of the road for passive use, as well as snowmobile use in the winter months. Connect this area into an overall Hillsdale trail loop. Consider heritage designation of the road in the Hillsdale area and develop historical interpretive signage.

Based on this report and recommendations from the Trails Development Committee, the Township is initiating the process of considering a by-law to prohibit off-road vehicle use on a portion of the Old Penetanguishene unopened road allowance.

A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE will be held on Wednesday September 9, 2009 in the Springwater Council Chambers at the Springwater Administration Centre, 2231 Nursery Rd, Midhurst from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Interested persons may attend the Public Open House to view the Map Schedule and ask questions about how the proposed by-law

may affect access to their property or future use of the road allowance.

ANY PERSON who may be affected by the proposed by-law may make a written submission to the attention of the Administration Department, Township of Springwater, 2231 Nursery Rd., Minesing ON, L0L 1Y2 by not later than 12 noon on October 9, 2009. A comment form will be made available at the Public Open House and on the Township website at www.springwater.ca. It is anticipated that Springwater Township Council will consider the proposed by-law on October 19, 2009 at the earliest.

This Notice, including a map showing the affected road allowance, is being mailed to all ratepayers within the mailing address in the Hillsdale community starting the week of August 17, 2009. The proposed by-law and map will be available for viewing at the Township Offices during regular business hours (Administration office, Elmvale Arena, and all library branches).

A copy is also available for viewing at the Township website at www.springwater.ca.

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Old Penetanguishene Road Allowance

