



## Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

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**REPORT #:** OPS-25-012 **COMMITTEE DATE:** 2025-04-15  
**DUE IN COUNCIL:** 2025-04-29  
**REPORT TO:** COTW-General  
**SUBJECT:** Turntable Way Dedication as a Public Road Allowance

### 1. RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully recommended that:

- 1.1 That Council **RECEIVE** Report OPS-25-012; and
- 1.2 That the By-law (attached as **Appendix I**) dedicating lands described as PCL 16-1 SEC M16; LT 16 PL M16 and PCL 16-1 SEC M16; LT 25 PL M16 collectively known as Turntable Way as a Town public road allowance, be **FORWARDED** to Council for approval;

### 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This report is seeking Council approval to dedicate lands collectively known as Turntable Way as a Town public road allowance.
- Plan M-16 was registered in 1978, and at the time of registration, a road was noted through lots 16 & 25 of that plan, which are owned by the municipality (attached as **Appendix II**).
- By-law 4147-07 designated Lots 16 & 25 as being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. (attached as **Appendix III**).

### 3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the process to dedicate Turntable Way as a public road allowance.

### 4. BACKGROUND

Turntable Way is located in the Dock Area of the Old Town between Delater Street and River Beach Drive. Originally referred to as “No Name Street”, locally it was officially named “Turntable Way” in August 2006 and is comprised of a surface treated (tar and chip) road of varying width and has functioned as part of the street network in the Dock Area. Turntable Way is located within Lots 16 and 25 as part of Plan M-16 and is not part of a public road allowance.

Situated within the lots known as Turntable Way, it is part of the foundation of the former railway turntable and engine house associated with the railway line that once serviced Niagara-on-the-Lake. These features were designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in 2007.

It should be noted that since the Town maintains this roadway, it cannot be deemed unassumed. It must either be designated as a public road allowance or closed.

## 5. DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS

Turntable Way currently supports the street network and provides connectivity between River Beach Drive, Lockhart Street and Delater Street. Without that connectivity and with a lack of prior support for extending Ball Street to connect to River Beach Drive and Lockhart Street, the streets are dead-end road allowances.

In 2015, the Dock Area Master Plan was approved, which included Turntable Way as a functioning road incorporated within the Plan.

A review by Operations staff confirmed that there are no underground services or utilities within Turntable Way; however, the travelled portion of the “roadway” is maintained and does not meet current Town standards. If Turntable Way is designated as a public road allowance, its enhancement would be incorporated into a future capital improvement program, subject to consideration of other municipal roads with similar improvement needs. The future works to reconstruct Turntable Way would include the completion of a topographic survey, geotechnical investigation and archaeological assessment to support the design and reconstruction of the road to meet Town standards.

Designating Turntable Way as a public road allowance would allow for the extension of municipal or utility underground services within the right-of-way and provide access to the right-of-way from adjoining property.

## 6. STRATEGIC PLAN

The content of this report supports the following Strategic Plan initiatives:

### Pillar

2. Good Governance

### Priority

3.1 Assets

### Action

Other

## 7. OPTIONS

- 7.1 **Option 1:** That Council approve the dedication of lands collectively known as Turntable Way as a Town public road allowance. **(Recommended)**
- 7.2 **Option 2:** That Council does not approve the dedication of lands collectively known as Turntable Way as a Town public road allowance and they remain lands owned by the Town of which the travelled portion continues to be maintained. *(Not Recommended)*

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial implications related to this report would include the registration of applicable legal documents to dedicate Turntable Way as a Town public road allowance.

## **9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no expected environmental implications related to the dedication of the existing use of the current lands as a public road allowance.

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS**

Upon approval by Council, Staff will coordinate with Communications on appropriate public notification.

## **11. CONCLUSION**

Once the By-law to dedicate lands described as PCL 16-1 SEC M16; LT 16 PL M16 and PCL 16-1 SEC M16; LT 25 PL M16, collectively known as Turntable Way as a Town public road allowance, is approved by Council, it will be registered on title.

## **12. PREVIOUS REPORTS**

- Staff Report PDS-06-089
- Staff Report PDS-07-021
- Staff Report PDS-08-025

## **13. APPENDICES**

- **Appendix I** – Draft Bylaw Turntable Way Road Dedication
- **Appendix II** – M16
- **Appendix III** – Bylaw 4147-07
- **Appendix IV** – Location Map

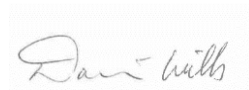
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