



Subject: BIA's Boundary Expansion Request

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives the report BIA's Boundary Expansion Request;

AND direct staff regarding next steps.

BACKGROUND

At the meeting of December 14, 2020, the Executive Director of the BIA appeared before Council and requested that Council consider their request to expand the current BIA Boundary. At that meeting the following direction from Council was given: that staff be asked to prepare a report on the BIA boundary request to include the process involved under the Act and also options available for Council consideration.

DISCUSSION

In a previous report/correspondence to Council, the Municipal Act process under Sections 209 and 210 of the Act was provided and has been reattached as an appendix to this report for information.

Section 209 of the Act indicates "The municipality **may** alter the boundaries" so this is a decision of Council to do so or not.

In making a decision, the Council may want additional information from the BIA or comments from staff regarding the proposed expansion.

The options then that would be available to Council include the following:

- Not altering the boundary at this time;

- Allowing the boundary expansion and asking staff to proceed with the process under the Act; it being noted that the expansion is based on the boundary as depicted on the supporting documents provided by the BIA;
- Asking for additional information from the BIA prior to making a decision on the request;
- Asking for additional information from Town staff prior to making a decision on the request.

CONSULTATION

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FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

There would be financial implications depending on the option selected by Council (costs for staff time, mail out of notices, etc)

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) LINKAGE

1. Excellence in Local Government ☒ Demonstrate strong leadership in Town initiatives
 - ☐ Streamline communication and effectively collaborate within local government
 - ☐ Demonstrate accountability
2. Economic Sustainability
 - ☐ Support new and existing businesses and provide a variety of employment opportunities
 - ☐ Provide diverse retail services in the downtown core
 - ☐ Provide appropriate education and training opportunities in line with Tillsonburg's economy
3. Demographic Balance
 - ☐ Make Tillsonburg an attractive place to live for youth and young professionals
 - ☐ Provide opportunities for families to thrive
 - ☐ Support the aging population and an active senior citizenship
4. Culture and Community
 - ☐ Promote Tillsonburg as a unique and welcoming community
 - ☐ Provide a variety of leisure and cultural opportunities to suit all interests
 - ☐ Improve mobility and promote environmentally sustainable living

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – BIA Boundary Process

Appendix B – BIA's Proposed Boundary

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Appendix C – BIA Board of Management Report