



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
ACTION ITEM**

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Administration & Operations

Date: June 10, 2024

Department: Public Works

Topic: Patterson Rd Unopened Road Allowance Upgrade.docx

Purpose: To bring forward a request from a property owner seeking permission to upgrade approximately 400 meters of currently unmaintained road allowance.

Background: The property owner, Mr. Josh Philliban, is requesting permission to upgrade approximately 400 meters of Patterson Road to access the rear portion of his property on Weir Rd. The purpose of accessing the property off Patterson Rd is to operate a sandblasting and painting business that would predominantly serve the industrial and commercial sector (heavy equipment and fleet vehicles).

The property is currently not zoned for this use or business and would require a zoning bylaw amendment.

Based on the location, the investment needed and the potential future demands for improvements and maintenance, staff recommend remaining consistent with the purpose of the policy and not grant permission.

Policy Implications: The Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal will generally refuse to permit any person to open any unopened road allowance within the Township by way of a trail, driveway or road capable of being used by any motor vehicle whatsoever.

The purpose of this policy is to protect the Township from demands that such unopened road allowances be improved and maintained at the expense of the general ratepayers of the municipality. (Use of Unopened Road Allowance Policy, Bylaw 2015-52)

Financial Considerations: The owner has been provided a copy of the policy and is aware that all improvements to the road allowance are at the sole expense of the applicant and all such improvements must be approved by the municipality.

Recommendation: That Committee recommends that Council remain consistent with the policy and have Patterson Road remain status quo.

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