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**DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE**  
"People Serving People"

DATE: May 3, 2006

TO: Terry McCallum  
Director of Community Services

FROM: Brian W. Knott  
City Solicitor/Clerk

**SUBJECT: Road Allowance between Mike Weir Park and Perch Creek Bridge**

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Your report, dated April 11th, 2006, in the above matter, was considered by Sarnia City Council at its meeting held on April 24th, 2006. The following resolution was adopted:

*THAT Sarnia City Council support the efforts of the Waterfront Access Committee and staff to reaffirm ownership and access to the lands described above and as shown on the diagram attached to the report of the Director of Community Services, dated April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006.*

This is a reminder that you agreed to investigate the trestle to see if it could be rehabilitated. Would you please take whatever action is required to carry out the intent of Council's resolution.



Brian W. Knott

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SARNIA**  
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**DEPARTMENT NAME**

**APR 24 2006**

**OPEN SESSION REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor Bradley and Members of Sarnia City Council

**FROM:** Terry McCallum  
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

1. Council supports the efforts of the Waterfront Access Committee and staff to reaffirm ownership and access to the lands described above and as shown on the attached diagram.

**BACKGROUND**

In the 1970's a roadway between Huron View Park, now Mike Weir Park and Pulse Creek Bridge was destroyed by severe storms. Since that time the former Township and subsequently, the City has not pursued access to this waterfront strip of land. With the recent creation of the Waterfront Access Committee, staff and the committee members are recommending that this strip of land be made accessible to the public and signs posted advising of public access.

**COMMENTS**

Community Services staff and committee members walked this strip of land in 2005. The primary observations were as follows:

- This strip of land requires basic maintenance to afford access to the public. While resulting in fairly rough terrain, it can be traversed by the public. The cost will be minimal and is included in the \$10,000.00 approved in the 2006 Budget for waterfront improvements.
- There are basically no substantial encroachments in this area and none that totally block access from end to end. Staff and the committee believe that because these

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encroachments have existed for an extended period of time, no request to remove will be issued at this time.

-The effect of opening this area to the public would have minimal affect on the homeowners due to the fact that the strip of land is not readily accessible. While we believe public use would be minimal the waterfront pathway would be available to those with an interest in enjoying a challenging nature walk.

-Staff did place \$10,000.00 in the 2006 Current Budget to implement improvements on City owned land fronting on Lake Huron and this pathway system was considered for access.

**CONSULTATION**

Staff and the Waterfront Committee have discussed this matter on a number of occasions.

If Council approves this direction, a letter will be issued to all of the affected homeowners advising them that the road allowance will be opened to the public. If concerns arise, a meeting of the affected neighbours will be held.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is \$10,000.00 included in the 2006 Current budget for this project and others for City owned land fronting on Lake Huron. All expenses will be restricted to the Council approved amount of \$10,000.00. Details on exact expenditures are being discussed with the waterfront committee.

Prepared by:

Reviewed by:

  
Terry McCallum  
Director of Community Services

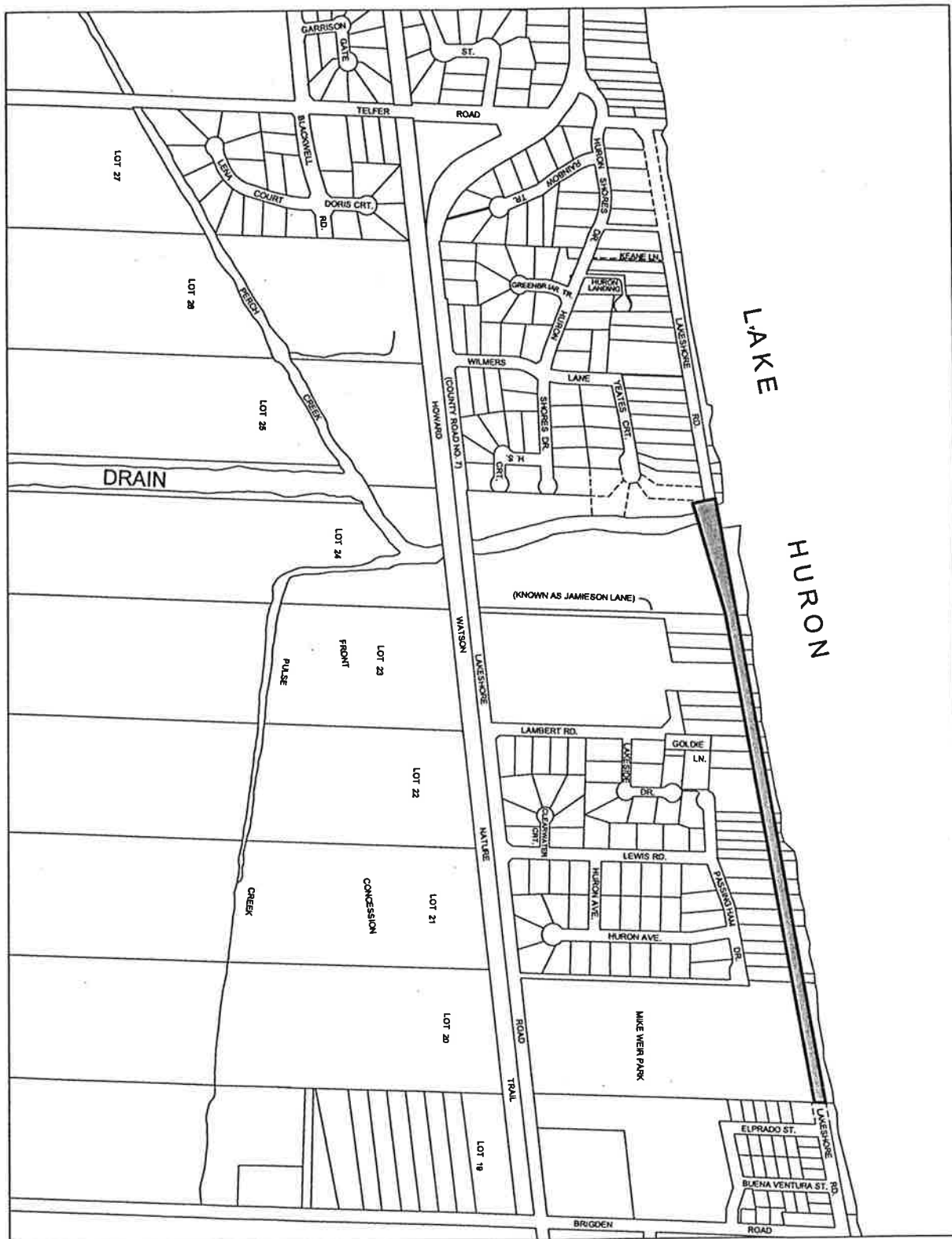
  
Ann Tuplin  
City Manager

Reviewed by:

  
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Attachment  
Diagram showing location of subject lands

# 9(3) AREA MAP



 SUBJECT LANDS

PREPARED BY: CITY OF SARNIA PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
DATED APRIL 12, 2006.

SOURCE: ASSESSMENT MAPS



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