

Report to/Rapport au :
Transportation Committee
Comité des transports
and Council / et au Conseil

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED ROAD ALLOWANCE LANDSCAPING IN THE BRADLEY
ESTATES COMMUNITY**

**OBJET : L'AMÉNAGEMENT PAYSAGER PROPOSÉ DE L'EMPRISE
ROUTIÈRE DE LA COMMUNAUTÉ DE BRADLEY ESTATES**

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transportation Committee recommend to Council that Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the *Signs on Roads By-law No.2003-520*, as amended, be waived to allow the Bradley Estates Community Association to make landscape enhancements consisting of a community gateway sign, to the grassed portion of the road allowance at the intersection of the western approach to the community on Renaud Road.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des transports recommande au Conseil que les articles 2, 3 et 4 du Règlement municipal n° 2003-520 concernant les enseignes sur les routes de la Ville, tel que modifié, soient suspendus afin de permettre à l'Association communautaire de Bradley Estates d'améliorer l'aménagement paysager sous forme d'une enseigne d'entrée de la communauté, sur la zone herbeuse de l'emprise routière à l'intersection de l'entrée ouest de la communauté en provenance du chemin Renaud.

BACKGROUND

On 4 September 2013, the Transportation Committee received a Notice of Motion requesting waiver of the Signs By-law, in order to allow a local community association to make landscape enhancements in their community. A full copy of the Motion is attached as Document 1 to this report.

DISCUSSION

The Bradley Estates Community Association would like to make landscape enhancements to the grassed portion of the road allowance at the intersection of the western approach to the community on Renaud Road. The proposed enhancements will be in the form of a community gateway sign.

The Community Association will assume responsibility for costs, installation, maintenance, and replacement of landscaping and gateway features.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no rural implications.

CONSULTATION

Planning and Growth Management Comments

While, Planning and Growth Management does not have an objection to placement of the gateway sign on road allowance, the sign should be subject to the same conditions as primary gateway signs which are permitted in the right of way; e.g., the proponents enter into an agreement relating to the maintenance and liability aspect in having the sign on City road allowance, or contribute to the Supplementary Maintenance Fund as outlined in the Policy ([ACS2011-ICS-PGM-0209](#)). Additional discussions with the proponent would be required to determine if a maintenance and liability agreement is put in place or if a contribution is made to the fund. Approved gateway signs, with an agreement in place, are exempt from further encroachment fees.

Infrastructure Services Comments

The Infrastructure Services Department is supportive of the report recommendations provided that the following criteria is considered:

- The design must follow the City's Design Guidelines and Standards for Gateway Features;
- The design and construction of the gateway feature is subject to approval with conditions under the City's Municipal Consent Process;
- An agreement is required between the City and the Bradley Estates Community Association relating to the maintenance and liability aspect in having the sign on City road allowance; or
- Contribution into the Gateway Sign Maintenance Fund as described in the Policy is required.

Public Works Department Comments

The Public Works Department is supportive of the report recommendation provided that the installation of the sign considers the following criteria:

- Installed in a manner that would not obstruct drivers' sight lines to driveways/intersections;

- Does not impede with snow and grass cutting operations; and,
- Located at a sufficient off-set from the travelled roadway.

In the event the community association ceases to exist, the City reserves the right to remove the landscaping instead of taking on the life cycle maintenance.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR

The CDP for the area refers to a number of gateway features but overlooked this location which is the primary entrance to the community. While the distinction between the Greenbelt and the community is quite obvious, this feature will reinforce the reminder that drivers are entering the community as well as contributing to the community identity.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to implementing the recommendation in this report so long as the Bradley Estates Community Association enters into a Maintenance and Liability Agreement consistent with the terms and conditions as outlined in this report together with indemnity and insurance provisions such are satisfactory to the City Clerk and Solicitor and the Coordinator, Insurance Services, or in the alternative, contribute to the Supplementary Maintenance Fund as outlined in the Policy ([ACS2011-ICS-PGM-0209](#)).

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To ensure the ongoing costs associated with the installed gateway feature are borne by the proponent, either a maintenance and liability agreement is required, or a contribution to the Gateway Sign Maintenance Fund is required.

Approved gateway signs, with an agreement in place, are exempt from further encroachment fees.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

There are no technical implications.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

SE1 - Ensure a positive experience for every client interaction

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – Notice of Motion, 4 September 2013

DISPOSITION

Staff will implement the Council direction.

**City Council, Standing Committee and Commission
Conseil, comités permanents et commission**

Motion

Notice of Motion / Avis de motion

Committee / Commission: Transportation Committee
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Council / Conseil

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Moved by / Motion de: Councillor Bloess

**NOTICE OF MOTION RE PROPOSED ROAD ALLOWANCE LANDSCAPING IN THE
BRADLEY ESTATES COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS the Bradley Estates Community Association has approached the City for permission to make landscape enhancements to a road allowance in the community of Bradley Estates; and,

WHEREAS the proposed enhancements will be in the form of a community gateway sign; and,

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa does not provide approvals or permits for road allowance enhancements by private citizens or community groups; and,

WHEREAS the Bradley Estates Community Association has agreed to enter into an agreement with the City;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the *Signs on Roads By-law No.2003-520*, as amended, be waived to allow the Bradley Estates Community Association to make landscape enhancements consisting of a community gateway sign, to the grassed portion of the road allowance at the intersection of the western approach to the community on Renaud Road.