



KEY INFORMATION REPORT

Transportation Services

October 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Joint Application with the Township of North Glengarry – Housing Enabling Core Servicing Stream

BACKGROUND:

The Province of Ontario has recently released a funding a *Housing-Enabling Core Servicing* fund to help municipalities “*build, maintain and repair municipal roads, bridges and culverts*”. Applications are being accepted for projects that can demonstrate they are enabling housing development that would have otherwise not occurred without the funding.

COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

SDG Counties operates and maintains a well-established transportation network. Although the County is experiencing record development and growth, there are no known existing deficiencies within the existing County Road network that are directly inhibiting the development of housing projects.

The Township of North Glengarry has approached the County and requested that we jointly participate in an application to enable housing in Alexandria – specifically for land located west of Industrial Boulevard. The Township has been working with a private developer for several years, and, more recently, this developer has brought forward a proposal that would create a significant amount of housing units. There are additional lands located north of the project site (owned by the Township) that would also benefit from infrastructure being extended into this area.

To better service the site with transportation infrastructure, the Township is proposing the construction of a new road and grade separated rail crossing at the VIA tracks (see figure 1, below). The proposed alignment of this road is consistent with suggested future work that was identified as part of the Alexandria Main St. (SDG 34) Environmental Assessment (EA). Specifically, the EA noted the need to create a fully connected bypass around Alexandria that aligned with County Road 45.

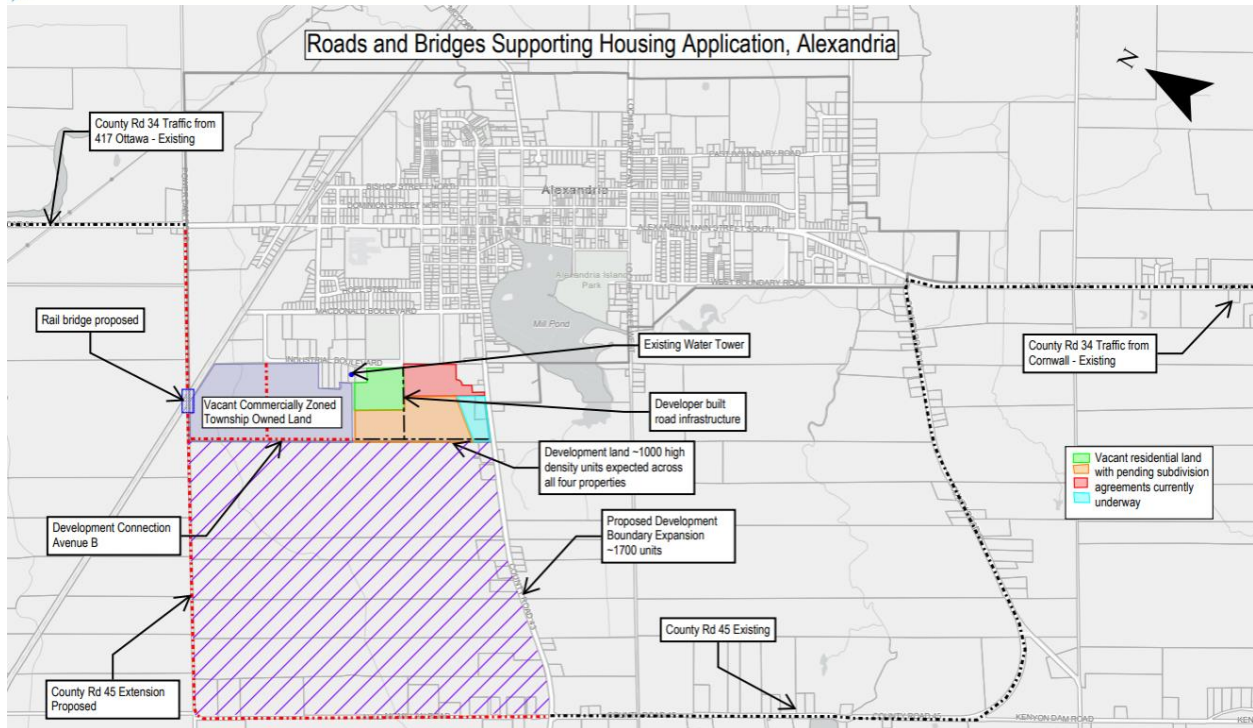


Figure 1 – Illustration of Proposed Project

The proposed bypass utilizes open and closed road allowances under the jurisdiction of the Township of North Glengarry. If constructed, this bypass would be transferred to SDG. The funding model for this project would provide 50% of the total costs from the province, with SDG and the Township splitting the “municipal” portion. Further studies are necessary to confirm the alignment of the roadway and feasibility of the grade separated crossing. The project budget being submitted as part of the application is based on unit costing for similar type of work.

County staff appreciate the foresight and initiative of North Glengarry’s Public Works Director to suggest this as a joint project and complete the application on our behalf. Staff will provide more information for Council and seek formal support if the Province approves funding the work.