



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council  
**From:** Heather James, Planner  
**Date:** 2020-04-23  
**Report:** 2020-13  
**Subject:** Request for Planting Area on Municipal Land

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### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Heather James regarding a request from Kellie Milos to establish a planting area on an unopened portion of Sandford Street; and,

That West Elgin Council provides direction to staff on this request to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a request regarding establishing a planting area on an unopened portion of Sandford Street in the former Village of Rodney and for Council to provide direction to staff on this request.

### **Background:**

A request to establish a planting area on an unopened portion of Sandford Street in the former Village of Rodney by Kellie Milos, has been received. Ms. Milos resides at 184 Victoria Street and is an abutting neighbour to the unopened road allowance to the west (see attached Key Map). In the attached letter provided by Ms. Milos, she is requesting to establish a planting area on an unopened portion of Sandford Street that intersects Victoria Street. Specifically, she wishes to plant pollinator gardens, berry producing shrubs and small trees. Also attached is a draft sketch of the proposed layout of the planting areas on the unopened portion of the Sandford Street Road allowance. Ms. Milos intends to consult with the Horticultural Society in the municipality for their expertise on where to position such pollinator gardens, bushes and small trees. Ms. Milos has also indicated the pollinator gardens would be located to the rear of the portion of the unopened road allowance to minimize the impact to neighbouring residences. Lastly, Ms. Milos has not requested to purchase the land.

This request has been reviewed by Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services and Mr. Gosnell has no concerns provided that no trees are planted as they could be a potential liability to the municipality should they fall down.

Should Council support this request, it is recommended that all abutting property owners be circulated this proposal and provided a 30 day time period to provide input. Should no abutting property owners have concerns on the proposal, it is recommended that the municipality enter into an agreement with Ms. Milos regarding the maintenance of this land and that should the municipality require the use of these lands, that Ms. Milos be responsible for returning the lands to their original state.

**Financial Implications:**

Use of municipally owned lands for private use will be required to be covered by municipality's insurance policy.

**Policies/Legislation:**

None.

### Key Map



## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Request for Planting Area on Municipal Land.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Consideration of Munc land use Rodney.pdf</li><li>- manulifesecuritiesstt@gmail.com_20200416_150409.pdf</li><li>- IMG_0465.jpg</li></ul>
Final Approval Date:	Apr 20, 2020

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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