



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Monday, August 23, 2021

**Subject: Data Sharing Agreement with the Region of Niagara**

**Recommendation:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2021-0141 – Data Sharing Agreement with the Region of Niagara;**

**AND THAT Council authorize the Town Clerk to sign the Amendment to the Data License and Reciprocity Agreement with the Region of Niagara.**

**Background:**

Since 2011 the Town of Pelham has had data sharing agreements with the Region of Niagara for the sharing of orthophotography, i.e. aerial photography imagery, and GIS data related to the orthophotography. Every five years the Region of Niagara receives the aerial photography imagery from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) through a Participation Agreement with the Ministry. The Data License and Reciprocity Agreement that the Region has with each of the local municipalities allows for the sharing of this data with local municipalities. These agreements with the local municipalities are amended each time there is new or updated aerial photography imagery made available. Most recently the 2020 region-wide aerial photography imagery from the MNRF has been made available to the Region. As a result, the Region of Niagara is requesting that the Amendment to the Data License and Reciprocity Agreement be executed and once executed, this will allow the Region to share the most current available aerial photography imagery data from 2020 with the Town of Pelham. The Region of Niagara shares this data with the local municipalities at no cost.

**Analysis:**

The use of the most up-to-date aerial photography imagery is important to support Town staff being able to complete several tasks and undertake different types of analysis as well as respond to public inquiries. While the aerial imagery is used primarily by Planning and Engineering staff, it is also a useful tool for staff in other

departments as well. The execution of the Amendment to the Data License and Reciprocity Agreement will allow the Town to have access to the 2020 aerial photography imagery, which is the most up to date data. This in turn will allow staff to undertake more accurate reporting and analysis for various day-to-day tasks.

**Strategic Plan Relationship: Communication and Engagement**

The aerial photography imagery data is used by Town Staff in reports to Council to provide Council with information on property location, existing land uses, natural heritage features, etc., and as well is regularly used to convey information to the public and respond to public inquiries. In addition, staff utilize the data in completing different types of analysis in our day-to-day work.

**Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:**

Amendment to the Data License and Reciprocity Agreement

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