TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Lance Thurston, Commissioner Community Development Services
RESOURCE STAFF: Jim de Hoop, Director of Community and Family Services
DATE OF MEETING: January 19, 2010
SUBJECT: Update on Status of Barriefield Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
As directed by Council, City staff has been exploring the opportunities and implications of the City acquiring available surplus federal lands within the village of Barriefield. It was staff's initial expectation to have a report completed for Council's consideration at its meeting on January 19, 2010. In anticipation of that an item was placed on the Council agenda for that meeting. Unfortunately, staff has not been able to complete its assembly of information and analysis of the issues in time for the agenda, and therefore is not in a position to report to Council with recommendations at this time. Staff continues to work towards completing its review of the issues and will be reporting to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:
This is an information report. There is no recommendation.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

 ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER
Commissioner, Community Development Services, Lance Thurston

 ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

| Commissioner Beach, Sustainability & Growth | ✓ |
| Commissioner Thurston, Community Development Services | N/R |
| Commissioner Leger, Corporate Services | N/R |
| Jim Keech, President and CEO, Utilities Kingston | N/R |

(N/R indicates consultation not required)
OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:
On October 20, 2009 Council directed staff to undertake the necessary research, planning and public consultation to determine if it is in the City’s interest to acquire lands in Barriefield village that the federal government has indicated is surplus to its needs and available for purchase. A staff working group has been examining a number of potential uses of the lands, including affordable housing and public open space, and the cost and implications of pursuing these options.

In anticipation of a completion date, staff set aside time on the January 19, 2010 Council agenda to bring forward its report to Council for consideration. The assembly and analysis of information related to the issues has not been completed and therefore staff is not in a position to report to Council on January 19. We will be coming forward to Council at a subsequent meeting with a report and recommended course of action for consideration.

As this matter was placed on the public agenda and there is an expectation of a staff report being available, staff has undertaken a broad outreach to a number of parties in the community to advise that this matter will not be considered at the January 19, 2010 meeting. Notice will be provided in advance of the matter coming forward in the future.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:
NA

NOTICE PROVISIONS:
The Council agenda, including consideration of this issue, was published and it was anticipated that a report would be available for review. Staff has attempted to inform as many people as possible about the delay in bringing a staff report forward.

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:
This report is available in alternative formats upon request.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:
NA

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EXHIBITS ATTACHED:
N/A