



# Staff Report

## Operations

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**Report To:** Committee of the Whole Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** November 1, 2022  
**Report Number:** CSOPS.22.070  
**Title:** Various Project and Initiatives Updates  
**Prepared by:** Shawn Carey, Director of Operations

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.22.070, entitled "Various Project and Initiatives Updates" for information purposes.

### B. Overview

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This report provides an update on several projects and initiatives outlined in Councillor Abbotts' Notice of Motion approved by Council on September 12, 2022.

### C. Background

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Staff were directed by Council to provide a staff report to provide updates on the status of several items. A brief update on each is found in the Analysis section below.

### D. Analysis

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#### 1. BTI Noise Community Group

BTI has arranged two community meetings, Town Staff were in attendance at the first meeting. From Staff's perspective, BTI is meeting its commitments as established by Council and is working in good faith with the neighbourhood.

#### 2. Lora Bay Water Works

This is related to the potential for the Town to assume the private water distribution system in Grey Condo Corp 63 (GCC 63). Staff Report CSOPS-22-061 "East Ridge GCC 63 Water Distribution System Follow Up" was brought to Committee of the Whole on September 13, 2022. Council directed staff to assume the private water system subject to execution of an agreement and the fulfillment of conditions outlined in the staff report. Staff are working with GCC63 on the terms of the agreement.

3. *Stop Sign at Beaver Street and Alice Street*

A significant portion of Beaver Street is currently closed due the ongoing construction of the Thornbury Phase 1A Reconstruction Project. Staff are working with the project's contractor to have the stop sign installed including the 1-way signage and line painting along Lansdowne Street South. There is no need for the west bound stop sign on Beaver Street at Alice as this will be closed off by the new parkette.

4. *Garbage Issue behind Hester Street Parking Lot*

Staff have been working with the Mill St Café to address the garbage complaint that was received earlier in the summer. Part of the challenge with the site is others are using the garbage bin without permission and dumping their waste at this location. The Mill St. Café have done an excellent job in cleaning up even though most of the waste lying at the site is not sourced from their establishment. Staff have also recommended that they request different bins from the waste contractor to address odour issues in the summer months. Staff are continuing to monitor the site and work with the restaurant and landlord to find a solution for controlling illegal waste dumping while allowing for ease of collection and beautifying the area.

5. *Inflow and Infiltration Policy Progress*

On June 27, 2022, the Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Strategy was presented to Committee of the Whole and discussed further at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The Strategy outlined the Town's framework and comprehensive assessment aimed at reducing inflow and infiltration (I&I) across the entire wastewater collection system. The following is a brief update on implementation of the Strategy:

- Installation of flow monitoring stations to capture baseline flow for several capital projects:
  - Lakewood Drive Reconstruction;
  - Thornbury West Phase 1B Reconstruction ;
  - Town-Wide Wastewater Master Plan Class EA (12 additional locations plus 6 stations to assess flows from Short Term Accommodations in Craighleith).
- Installation of 5 rain gauges across the collection system. Data to be used in support of the ongoing analysis of wet weather events and the Wastewater Master Plan Class EA.
- On-site I&I inspection along Highway 26 has been identified as a high priority and will be completed this fall.
- Software set up so data capturing and recording drainage anomalies in a GIS platform:
  - Intent is to have Town staff identify issues when completing daily activities and log in a geo-referenced database that can be monitored and tracked over time;

- Examples include water ponding, eavestrough connections, inflow concerns, sump connection to sanitary, etc.;
- Issues identified by field staff will be reviewed and processed for follow up.
- Staff are working on revising the Sewer Use By-Law to include strengthening powers of inspection and Administrative Monetary Penalties to address non-voluntary compliance issues.
- Finalizing the Town Water Meter Replacement Program:
  - Included task is to complete observations of illegal connection during water meter replacement.

6. *Thornbury West Phase 1B Schedule*

This particular item was discussed with Councillor Abbotts and it was clarified that the update was to focus on the schedule for Phase 1B.

Phase 1A includes the following street sections: Victoria St.; Louisa St. (Elma St to Beaver St.); Beaver Street; and, 100m of Alice St. east of Victoria St. Due to delays in utility relocation in 2022, Phase 1A was delayed until July for the start of construction. Phase 1A construction is proceeding well however there will be carry over work in 2023. It is expected that portions of Louisa and Alice will be completed in 2023.

Phase 1B includes the following street sections: Elma St.; Lorne St, Park Ln.; Louisa St. (from Bruce St. to Elma St.); and, remaining portion of Alice St. Tendering construction in 2023 for early start in May 2024 and overall project completion in November 2024. Utility relocation for Phase 1B was completed with Phase 1A in 2022 (no anticipated utility relocation for Phase 1B). Post sanitary flow monitoring will occur in late 2024-2025 for a minimum of 8 months to understand improvements in I&I reduction for Phase 1.

7. *Removing old hydro poles that Epcor has replaced. Rogers needs encouragement to move their infrastructure first.*

There were locations identified during the construction of Thornbury West Phase 1A where Epcor had to either relocate and/or replace old hydro poles. In some locations, the old poles were left possibly due to Rogers' infrastructure still being present. The Town is working with all utilities within its Right of Way (ROW) to ensure proper planning and communication is undertaken during the relocation of utilities. The Town will be hosting quarterly meetings with all local utility providers to discuss major capital projects and timelines including the Town's 5-year capital plan, ROW and utility management, and the utility company's infrastructure plans. This initiative will assist with overall communication and to properly align capital plans. The next meeting is scheduled for end of November 2022.

*8. Bayview Park Parking in Triangle*

This location has been reviewed as a potential location to create additional parking for Bayview Park. Currently there are no formal plans to modify this area or the adjacent roadways.

Within the next couple of years, Bayview Park amenities (playground equipment and washrooms) will be approaching the end of their useful life. In addition to those amenities requiring replacement, there may also be a need for washrooms at the East end of the park to more efficiently service the pavilion and surrounding area. Staff feel that this is the ideal opportunity to review Bayview Park's use, accessibility, and parking to consider all of the works together.

*9. Installation of Rainbow Pride Crosswalks*

The three Rainbow Pride Crosswalks were installed in mid-September. The Town organized a photo to celebrate the crosswalks with representatives from the Beaver Valley Community School, Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce, and the Rainbow Club of South Georgian Bay. In addition, a press release was issued to celebrate the initiative.

*10. Implementation of Works on Leisure Activities Plan*

There have been a number of actions taken on the Leisure Activities Plan including partnership discussions to access private recreation amenities for residents, partnership with Tree Trust and Rotary to increase the overall tree canopy, consultation with residents to implement waterfront access in the Peaks Bay development, construction of an off leash dog park in the Craighleith area, partnered with Georgian Bay Forever on shoreline cleanup, implement a volunteer recognition program, consulting with youth through the Georgian Bay Youth Roots, participate in a regional group of recreation professionals, increased the number of pickleball court opportunities, begin improving municipal trail signage to include QR code technology, refurbish existing tennis courts (Bayview and Boyer).

*11. Permanent Gathering Spot for Truth and Reconciliation Day*

Staff reached out to Saugeen First Nation to begin a discussion about a monument and permanent gathering place for Truth and Reconciliation but have not received a response. It has been a very busy and challenging year for indigenous people and staff respect that time and priorities may not align right now. There has been a recent election at Saugeen First Nation and staff have reached out again to begin conversations about opportunities for this space as well as participation in events, education and ongoing partnerships.

*12. Status of Engagement with Susheel Arora as an expert advisor on Wastewater Infrastructure*

Staff have recently engaged Mr. Arora to assist with and review the Town's I&I Reduction Strategy with particular emphasis on monitoring and reporting, technical specifications for sanitary pipe lining, bylaw enforcement and smoke testing. It is expected that Staff will continue to utilize Mr. Arora's expertise in an advisory role going forward.

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**E. Strategic Priorities**

**1. Communication and Engagement**

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

**2. Organizational Excellence**

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

**3. Community**

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

**4. Quality of Life**

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

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**F. Environmental Impacts**

N/A

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**G. Financial Impacts**

N/A

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**H. In Consultation With**

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

Will Thomson, Director of Legal Services

Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

Tim Hendry, Manager of Communications & Economic Development

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required.

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Shawn Carey, Director of Operations [directorops@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:directorops@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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