



Staff Report

Operations – Water & Wastewater Services

Report To: Committee of the Whole Meeting
Meeting Date: June 21, 2022
Report Number: CSOPS.22.055
Title: Craigleith WWTP Sewage Pumping Station Class EA PIC 1 Follow-up
Prepared by: Allison Kershaw, Manager of Water & Wastewater Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.22.055, entitled “Craigleith WWTP Sewage Pumping Station Class EA PIC 1 Follow-up for their information”.

B. Overview

The purpose of this Staff Report is to provide Council with a summary of the comments and feedback that was received through the Craigleith WWTP Sewage Pumping Station Class EA Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) 1 held on April 28, 2022.

C. Background

The Town of The Blue Mountains has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment to evaluate and select the preferred solution to address the need for the extension of a gravity sewer and associated sewage lift station at the Town’s Craigleith Wastewater Treatment Plant (CWWTP). Additionally, an assessment will be complete to determine if the septage and leachate receiving station should be relocated to the CWWTP. The proposed work will include the following:

- Extending the sewage collection system from the existing gravity sewer on the southern boundary of the intersection of Grey Road 21 and Highway 26 north within the Long Point Road allowance to the CWWTP.
- Development of solutions for a new lift station to raise the wastewater from the new sanitary sewer into the treatment plant.
- Developing solutions for the relocation of the septage and leachate receiving station from its current location on Lakeshore Road to the CWWTP site.
- Design of all facilities to accommodate imminent near-term and build out needs.

The gravity sewer along Long Point Road is considered a Schedule “A” project and may proceed; however, the pumping station and septage receiving station at the CWWTP on Long Point Road will be considered a Schedule “B” project.

The proposed solutions will be evaluated considering natural, cultural, technical, economic and environment. The preferred solution will be selected in consultation with regulatory agencies and the public.

D. Analysis

At the CWWTP Sewage Pumping Station Class EA Virtual PIC 1 held on April 28 2022, residents brought forward with a number of questions, inquiries and concerns including;

1. Extension of sanitary services

Multiple residents asked about the possibility of sanitary sewer servicing on unserved streets in the area around the CWWTP.

Town Response – This project is not intended to directly result in extensions of sanitary servicing, but it may permit the future extension of services and that the standard approach is to coordinate with the Town and your neighbours to proceed to request a sewer extension for Council that would then be paid by the residents benefiting provided it meets the affordability criteria.

2. Potential for inclusion of failsafe measures to prevent sewage backups

A resident inquired about the inclusion of failsafe measures being included in the design of the new pumping station.

Town Response – The Town understands the issues with the current lift station, and this seems like an excellent opportunity to build a facility that will work much better. The new lift station will be designed with future growth and the impacts of climate change incorporated.

3. Likelihood of increased odours caused by the proposed project

A resident asked how the Town will ensure that the current odour issues at the Craighleith Main Lift Station will not become an issue at the CWWTP.

Town Response – The area surrounding the existing Craighleith Main Lift Station is periodically exposed to increased odour levels during septage and leachate receiving as the unloading zone is not in an enclosed facility. If the facility is moved to the CWWTP, the unloading zone could be moved to an enclosed location to minimize the amount of odour that could travel to the surrounding area. An enclosed facility would also allow for more odour-control measures to be put in place.

4. Is it possible to redirect the flow from the sanitary sewer that goes through the Timmons Easement to the sanitary sewer on Grey Road 21 and abandon the Timmons easement sewer?

Town Response – Staff have considered this option, however the elevation of the sewer pipe invert at the southern end of the Timmons easement is too low (182.2 meters) in comparison

to the pipe invert of the sanitary sewer on Grey Road 21 (184 meters). If the gravity sewers were redirected, an additional lift station would be required somewhere between the Timmons easement and Grey Road 21 to lift the flow up to get into Grey Road 21 sewer. Additionally, the sanitary sewer on Grey Road 21 is not sized to handle the volume of the flow that would be directed towards it. The Timmons easement sewer is 675mm in diameter. The Grey Road 21 sewer is 525mm, and it drops down to 300mm pipe.

When the collection system was first established for the Craigleith sewer shed, the location of the Craigleith Main Lift Station was determined to allow the greatest number of connections, utilizing only one pumping station. The sewer was located in the Timmons easement because it was the shortest way to get the sewage to the lift station, then onwards to the plant.

A second PIC will be held to present the assessment and evaluation of the alternative solutions to the public to elicit comments and feedback.

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.

F. Environmental Impacts

Significant alterations to municipal infrastructure require a Class Environmental Assessment. The Class Environmental Assessment takes into consideration the impacts and the solutions on the natural and cultural environment. The level of impacts in each option are weighed against other impacts such as cost. Options for mitigating natural and cultural impacts (such as historic significance) are also put forth.

G. Financial Impacts

This EA was approved in the amount of \$385,000 to be fully funded from Wastewater Development Charges.

H. In Consultation With

Jason Petznick, Communications Coordinator

Mark Service, Wastewater Supervisor

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or Public Information Centre which took place on **April 28, 2022**. Those who provided comments at the Public Meeting and/or Public Information Centre, including anyone who has asked to receive notice regarding this matter, has been provided notice of this Staff Report.

- April 7 & April 21, 2022, Notice of Study Commencement and Notice of PIC 1 advertised in Collingwood Connection.
- April 14, 2022, Notice of Study of Commencement and Notice of PIC 1 mailed to Stakeholders.
- April 12, 2022, Committee of the Whole – Initial staff report [CSOPS.22.033](#) with recommendation to proceed to public consultation.
- April 25, 2022, Council – Recommendations from April 12, 2022, Committee of the Whole confirmed.
- April 28, 2022, Virtual PIC 1 to be held.
- June 21, 2022, Committee of the Whole – Follow-up report to the Public Meeting, attaching comments received in response to the Public Meeting;

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Allison Kershaw, Manager of Water & Wastewater Services managerwww@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. CWWTP Sewage Pumping Station Class EA PIC 1 Follow-up Questions and Concerns

Respectfully submitted,

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