



Staff Report

Planning & Development Services

Report To: COW-Operations, Planning and Development Services
Meeting Date: November 28, 2023
Report Number: PDS.23.131
Title: Request for Public Meeting for Water and Wastewater Allocation Policy
Prepared by: Adam Smith, Director of Planning & Development Services
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.23.131, entitled "Request for Public Meeting for Water and Wastewater Allocation Policy";

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with a Public Meeting to receive comment/feedback on the development of a Water and Wastewater Allocation Policy for the Town of The Blue Mountains

B. Overview

The intent of this report is to provide an overview of the scope of work involved in formulating a Water and Wastewater Allocation Policy and receive Council approval for a public meeting at a future date regarding its development.

C. Background

Over the last three years, the Town of The Blue Mountains has been experiencing rapid growth which imposes pressure upon water and wastewater infrastructure be it for plant capacity or conveyance such as pumping stations and forcemains. Staff are continually monitoring capacity of these systems and ensuring that capital planning is inclusive of projected growth.

Coupled with prudent infrastructure planning, the Town utilizes a number of regulatory instruments to mitigate risk as it relates to development approvals and servicing capacity. Currently, the Town does have a suite of tools to manage constraints be it through the Official Plan, Zoning By-law and Development Agreements.

However, there is the opportunity to provide further policy guidance on managing the allocation of servicing capacity for new developments. Many communities have instituted a Water and Wastewater Allocation Policy to inform this process and staff have been exploring the feasibility of a similar policy for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

D. Analysis

The Town has procured WSP to facilitate the delivery of a Water and Wastewater Allocation Policy. In addition to the drafting the Policy, the scope of work in proceeding with this project can be summarized as follows:

- Conducting a best practice review and identifying implementation options
- Creation of an evaluation framework for review of allocation requests
- Engagement with the development industry

Staff anticipate that a public meeting regarding the project can occur in early 2024 with the focus being primarily to receive public comment on the scope of the policy. Following the public meeting, the policy will be prepared for review at Committee of a Whole and finally to a Council meeting for adoption. The tentative target date for adoption is April 2024.

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.

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impacts

Consultant services for this project is financed through the 2023 Operating Budget.

H. In Consultation With

Senior Management Team

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report will be the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre in accordance with the following schedule:

- (November 28th, 2023) Committee of the Whole – Initial staff report (staff report number and title) with recommendation to proceed to public consultation;
- (December 18th 2023) Council – recommendation from Committee of the Whole considered by Council
- (February 13th, 2024) Public Meeting
- (April 9th, 2024) Committee of the Whole – Followup report to the Public Meeting, attaching comments received in response to the Public Meeting;
- (April 15th, 2024) Council – recommendation from Committee of the Whole considered by Council, and related By-law, if any

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Adam Smith,
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J. Attached

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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