



Staff Report

Operations

Report To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: April 6, 2021
Report Number: CSOPS.21.026
Title: Public Information Centre for Drake's Path Wastewater Servicing Extension
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.21.026, "Public Information Centre for Drake's Path Wastewater Servicing Extension";

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with holding a virtual Public Information Centre.

B. Overview

This Staff Report provides Council with the materials and information that will be presented at the proposed Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Drake's Path Wastewater Servicing Extension.

C. Background

In 2018, staff were developing a "Water and Wastewater Servicing Extension Plan" which identified twenty-four (24) service extension areas within the Town's designated Urban Area (as per the Town's Official Plan). This plan identified Drake's Path for wastewater servicing within 5 years. The project was added to the 2018 Budget with design in 2019 and construction in 2020 but the project was delayed. The design is currently underway with construction planned for summer 2022.

Drake's Path is located in the Craigleith Service Area within the Town of The Blue Mountains. It was serviced with municipal water in the early 1990's and the Town has now identified this area to extend wastewater servicing. This servicing extension will include the installation of approximately 280m of wastewater main consisting of gravity sewer and/or low pressure forcemain from the existing main on Grey Road 19 and service laterals to property line with the restoration of disturbed areas to existing conditions (gravel road/grassed boulevard). The project will also include a gravel turnaround and minor drainage improvements.

D. Analysis

Public consultation is an integral part of any construction project. In lieu of a regular drop-in PIC, the public will be encouraged to view and/or participate in a live stream presentation of the project.

Residents will be encouraged to attend the live stream session, send questions in advance and/or ask questions during the live meeting. The Virtual PIC will be recorded and added to the Town's project website.

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

It is generally accepted that municipal wastewater servicing (sewers) which transport the sewage to a wastewater treatment plant are preferred over private septic systems. Private septic systems (especially those that are old and/ or poorly maintained) have a risk of contaminating the local soil and groundwater.

G. Financial Impacts

Using the engineer's estimate staff have calculated a cost per unit and an annual repayment cost for those property owners. A total cost of \$48,269 would be levied back to the property owners, using a 25-year term at 2.80% (Town's current borrowing cost), would result in a \$2,711 annual repayment which is above the 5% Affordability Criteria but below the 10%.

The Affordability Policy outlines that additional analysis needs to occur when the annual payment is between 5 and 10%. This analysis includes:

- Consideration of local support;
- Consideration of other factors such as health and safety; and,

- Consideration of Town financial support.

Staff recommend moving forward with the virtual PIC to help gauge consideration and at the direction of Council additional funding sources can be outlined for Council's consideration.

H. In Consultation With

Shawn Carey, Director of Operations

Allison Kershaw, Manager of Water and Wastewater

Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Budgets & Accounting

Allan Gibbons, Communications Coordinator

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report will be the subject of a PIC in accordance with the following schedule:

- April 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole – Initial staff report (CSOPS.21.026 Public Information Centre for Drake's Path Wastewater Servicing Extension) with recommendation to proceed to public consultation.
- April 8, 2021 Notice of Virtual PIC #1 advertised in Collingwood Connection.
- April 8, 2021 Notice of PIC mailed to directly affected residents.
- April 15, 2021 Project Signage to be installed.
- April 22, 2021 – Virtual PIC to be held.

Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Mike Humphries,
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J. Attached

1. Notice of PIC
2. PIC Presentation

Respectfully submitted,

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