



Staff Report

Operations

Report To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: June 15, 2021
Report Number: CSOPS.21.041
Title: Tyrolean Village Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing Public Information Centre Follow-up
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.21.041, entitled "Tyrolean Village Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing Public Information Centre Follow-up" for their information.

B. Overview

This report outlines the comments received from the Public Information Centre held virtually on May 6, 2021 for the Proposed Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing for the Tyrolean Village Area.

C. Background

In the 2020 budget, Council approved the project for the installation of sanitary sewers and service connections to the residents on Birch View Trail and Tyrolean Lane. The proposed wastewater servicing will include the installation of sanitary sewers in the roadway and service connections to property line. The proposed services will replace the need for existing private septic systems or holding tanks. A key map of the project area can be seen in Attachment 2.

Furthermore, there have been several watermain breaks in the Tyrolean Village area associated with the age and original pipe material used. As such, a watermain replacement project was also included in the approved 2020 budget to address these concerns. Since the proposed watermain replacements are for existing infrastructure, there will be no additional cost to the property owners.

The project will include restoration only in areas disturbed by the installation of the necessary infrastructure. The road disturbed by construction will be restored to match the existing road surface.

In late November 2020 the Town awarded the contract for the completion of the detailed engineering design and contract administration to WT Infrastructure Solutions Inc. It is

anticipated that the detailed design will be completed in the fall of 2021 with construction beginning in the summer of 2022.

As part of the project scope, Town staff identified the need for two public consultation sessions. Ordinarily this would include a Public Open House/ Public Information Centre (PIC) where the public can review the information and ask questions in-person. However, due to the COVID-19 situation and the limitations on social gatherings, this type of public consultation is not currently possible. In lieu of a traditional PIC, Town staff have proposed a “Virtual PIC” event where the project will be presented to the public via online streaming (similar to Council Meetings). The public will also be able to write-in comments which can be responded to live or following the meeting

The Public Information Centre was hosted virtually on May 6, 2021 for residents to ask questions and provide comments to Town Staff.

D. Analysis

The comments received from residents in response to the Notice (issued April 6, 2021) and Public Information Centre (May 6, 2021) were addressed at the PIC and summarized in Attachment 1 Public Information Centre Memorandum. All attendees were required to pre-register with the Town. There were thirteen (13) attendees at the PIC. A list summarizing the attendance is provided in Attachment 1.

The public feedback indicated that of those residents that responded, the majority of resident’s support wastewater servicing and watermain replacements along Tyrolean Lane and Birch View Trail. Several of these respondents also own multiple properties on these affected streets and shared a common concern related to the impact of the project on Short Term Accommodations (STA), Service Connections, and Cost. The following were the primary concerns:

1. Impact on Short Term Accommodation – The pandemic has adversely impacted STA revenue and there are concerns that a major disruptive construction project could impact recovery. It is recommended that the STA organization be a stakeholder in the project in terms of being notified of construction progress to allow them to best manage their businesses related to construction impacts. The approach to construction will be the same as all of these types of projects must mitigate the impacts on residents and minimizing impacts to residents/STA is a requirement of the construction process.

2. Service Connections – There was interest in site specific concerns related to servicing as residents seemed to want to avoid pumping systems or understand how they connected. This information will be provided and clarified as the design advances.

3. Cost – There were some concerns how the cost would be recovered and that the division of cost would be equitable based on the various land uses in the project area (high occupancy short term accommodation vs. single family dwelling). The current cost recovery is based on an equivalent residential unit (ERU) basis. Therefore, higher ERU’s would pay a larger share than a lower ERU. Payment of the cost would be either lump sum up front or

financed by the Town and repaid on the annual tax bill as a levy over a set period.

There were no comments of opposition to the project indicated during the meeting.

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

Improperly maintained and failing septic systems may contribute to higher soil, groundwater and surface water pollution.

G. Financial Impacts

In 2020, Council approved a budget at \$3.97M for this project, the current engineer's estimate is \$4.5M which is \$530,000 over the current approved budget.

H. In Consultation With

Shawn Carey, Director of Operations

Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Budgets & Accounting

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has been the subject of a Public Information Centre which took place on **May 6, 2021**. Those who provided comments at the Public Information Centre, including anyone who has asked to receive notice regarding this matter, has been provided

notice of this Staff Report. Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Kevin Verkindt, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator icpc@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Attachment 1 Public Information Centre Follow-up Memorandum

Respectfully submitted,

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