



Meeting Date: August 7, 2024

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Report No: PWE 39-2024

Subject: Ilderton Drain No 2 Block Assessment Request

Recommendation:

THAT Council direct GM BluePlan, the Engineer appointed to the Ilderton Municipal Drain Improvement under section 78 of the Drainage Act, to conduct a block assessment of the urban settlement area of Ilderton as permitted by Section 25 of the Drainage Act.

Purpose:

To obtain Council direction with regard to proceeding with a block assessment under Section 25 of the Drainage Act.

Background:

On May 10, 2017, Council appointed GM BluePlan to prepare a report for the Improvement of the Ilderton Drain No 2. The request was for the enclosure of the drain. After consultation with approval agencies, it was determined that the enclosure would not be permitted and the requesting landowner asked that the project be put on hold. In 2023 the requesting landowner asked that we revisit the project and develop an alternative solution to better control the surface runoff that has been scouring the farm field.

As part of the process of preparing the final report, the Engineer is required to prepare an assessment of costs. Most of the properties being assessed are within the Ilderton Settlement Community boundary and as such are subject to the monthly Municipal Stormwater charge and will have their costs covered by the Stormwater Reserve fund.

Analysis:

Block assessments are used when it is impractical to assess each property individually. A block assessment permits a built-up urban area to be assessed as a block, rather than as individual properties. For a block assessment to be completed under Section 25 of the Drainage Act, the engineer requires direction to do so through Council Resolution.

Section 25 of the Drainage Act reads as follows:

25 (1) The council of the local municipality may direct the engineer to assess as a block, a built-up area designated by the council, and the sum assessed therefor may be levied against all the rateable properties in the designated area proportionately on the basis of the assessed value of the land and buildings. R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17, s. 25 (1).

Financial Implications:

Completing a block assessment will not change the number of properties assessed or the cost assessed to the properties however, it will package together all the assessments that will be covered with the stormwater reserve fund into one block that will be easier to manage administratively for the Engineer and the Municipality.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Responsive Municipal Government
- Sustainable Infrastructure and Services

Moving forward with the request ensures the Municipality is conforming with the requirements of the Drainage Act in order to ensure the proper infrastructure is in place to service our residents.

Attachments:

N/A