



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Lee Gosnell, Manager Infrastructure and Development  
**Date:** 2025-04-10  
**Subject:** Main Street Drain Upgrades

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### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager Infrastructure and Development, for information purposes.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide West Elgin Council with a brief update on Main Street Drain upgrades in West Lorne.

### **Background:**

The Main Street Drain is a municipal drain (as defined by the Drainage Act) and lies under Main Street in West Lorne, between Graham Road and Division Street. This drain collects water from road infrastructure as well as surrounding properties, and outlets to the Graham Street Drain.

In November 2019, Heritage Homes in West Lorne signed a Section 78 request for upgrades to the downstream portion of the Main Street drain to facilitate possible expansion. West Elgin Council appointed Spriet Associates to complete the necessary engineering work, but construction was put on hold due to a lack of funding to support the expansion initiative.

Based on information provided in the West Lorne Storm Sewer Study, and additional survey work completed to identify alternatives, staff can confirm upgrading the entire length of the Main Street Drain is the best choice for lessening the impacts of heavy rainfall events in this watershed. Therefore, staff have completed a new Section 78 which covers the remaining portion of the Main Street Drain not covered by the initial request. This will be considered an extension of the existing engineering work, to be completed by Spriet Associates.

As with all municipal drainage work, there will be an opportunity for input from all affected landowners during the design process, and West Elgin Council will have the report presented to them by Spriet's engineering team once completed.

### **Financial Implications:**

All costs associated with improvements to the Main Street Drain will be managed as prescribed by the Drainage Act.

**Policies/Legislation:****Alignment with Strategic Priorities:**

<b>Infrastructure Improvement</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>Community Engagement</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee Gosnell  
Manager of Infrastructure and Development

## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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