



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Jana Nethercott, Clerk

Date: 2021-08-19

Subject: Appoint Engineer – Request for Major Improvement to Drainage Works

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jana Nethercott, Clerk re: Appoint Drainage Engineer – Request for Major Improvement to Drainage Works; and

That Council hereby appoints Spriet Associates Engineers & Architects to prepare a Preliminary report for the major improvement of the Miller Drain.

Purpose:

To provide Council with the request for major improvement to drainage works filed by William Bedard at 2764 Pioneer Line, West Lorne and to appoint an Engineer for a preliminary report.

Background:

A Notice of Request for Drainage Improvement under Section 78 (1.1) of the *Drainage Act* was filed with the Municipality of West Elgin on July 16, 2021. With a recent update to the *Drainage Act* that came into force on July 1, 2021, an engineer cannot be appointed prior to 30 days after the Municipality has provided notice of the request to prescribed person, in this case Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority. This allows LTVCA time to review if they wish to have an environmental appraisal done, LTVCA has indicated they do not wish to proceed with an Environment Appraisal.

By requesting a preliminary report Council will get a basic overview of any improvements or changes to the assessment schedule and be provided options to resolve recent drainage problems. Council will still have a meeting to consider the preliminary report, at which time landowners can make comments about the suggestions and ask questions of the Engineer, as can Council. Should Council then decide to stop the process, the Municipality can apply for a grant to cover 1/3 of the cost of the report, the remainder is to be paid by the general tax base as this cannot be assessed to the landowners like a final Engineers Report. Should Council want to proceed with the work suggested, a final Engineers Report will be required and the process will proceed as normal and the costs of both reports can be assessed to the landowners on the drain.

Policies/Legislation:

Drainage Act

Related Documents:

Notice of Request for Drainage Improvement