

# **Staff Report**

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Mike Kalita, Utilities Supervisor

**Date:** 2021-10-28

**Subject:** Mistele Side Road Water Line Extension

## **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Mike Kalita, Utilities Supervisor re: Mistele Side Road Water Line Extension.

### Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a timeline and suggested resolution for the request from Mr. Robert Van Every regarding the Mistele Side Road Water Line Extension.

## **Background:**

Mr. R Van Every submitted a letter to Council and signed application for water service in March 13, 2018. From the information found it appears this was based on a conversation with a previous staff member who verbally quoted them in the range of \$50,000 to \$70,000 based on an extension done in 2013 and submitted a report to Council at the March 22, 2018, where Council approved the Engineering of this proposal (report attached).

The Engineers report and costing was received from Chris Lierman of Spriets on June 18, 2018. Due to the cost discrepancy there was some discussion back and forth regarding the reasons. Calls were placed to all parties interested in the waterline extension in July of 2018, the phone calls indicated that everyone was on the fence about the cost and no one was ready to move forward at this time. At that time the CAO was handling all communication with these residents and there was one request for the Engineers Report electronically that was directed to myself and unfortunately it appears that it was only sent to the requestor, not all parties involved.

It appears at this point there has been miscommunications from staff and therefore in discussions with the CAO/Treasurer staff are recommending to waive penalty and interest that has accrued, however the original cost of \$1,883.51 still be outstanding, as Mr. Van Every did sign the agreement to pay for the costs to proceed. The other two landowners involved have paid their portion of the fees. Staff will provide Mr. Van Every with the Engineers Report and Drawings, as was provided to other landowners.

Staff have been working on updating the Water Department Procedures to start using the Local Improvement Process as laid out in the Municipal Act.

### **Financial Implications:**

Loss of \$144.20 penalties and interest