

Report to Council

Report Title: Zettler Drain Improvement Project Update

Prepared By: Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Department: Clerk's

Date: December 14, 2021

Report Number: DRAIN2021-03 **File Number:** C11DR, E09ZE

Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number DRAIN2021-03 – Zettler Drain Improvement Project Update, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and in doing so approves instructing the Engineer to finalize the design and bring forward the Engineer's Report as soon as possible.

Report:

Background:

In 2017, Council approved a petition for improvements to the Zettler Municipal Drain filed by Wilhelmina Sluys. Stephen Cobean, of Cobide Engineering Inc. was appointed as the engineer for those improvements.

In order to ensure the improvements move along in as timely a manner as possible, municipal staff requested that Mr. Cobean provided an update and recommended next steps. Mr. Cobean provided the following summary:

The design of the drainage improvement works has been approx. 85% complete since last March 2021. The design was forwarded to the SVCA at the end of March for their review and comments. A site meeting was setup with the SVCA in early May to walk the drain. Comments were received back from the SVCA for the project in September. Based on the comments received, the SVCA required us to retain a biologist and geomorphologist to review the proposed drain improvements. We have engaged an environmental firm to review and provide a response to these comments. The work has just started due to their current workload. We are hoping that they can complete their work now rather than having to wait until the spring. They are currently advising us on this.

In the meantime, I have spoken to Gerry Sluys about moving the project forward. Other than waiting for the review to be completed by the biologist and geomorphologist, there should be no other changes to the drain improvement design. The Engineer's Report and cost allocation is about 80% complete as well. Gerry has requested that he would like us to tender the project over the winter. We

could bring the Engineer's Report to Council for Consideration and then move forward with the Court of Revision and then get the project out to tender over the winter if that is the direction Council wants to go. There is a bit of risk in moving forward without the SVCA's final approval just in case there are additional design changes required. If that happened, there is a process in the Drainage Act to deal with design changes after tendering and construction. I can't see these changes being significant if requested.

Please let me know if we should move forward to finalizing the design and Engineer's Report.

Analysis:

As noted above, the potential changes to be suggested by the SVCA are expected to be minimal. The landowners that requested the improvements are hoping for construction to begin as soon as possible, particularly given how costs and materials have increased over the past few years.

Staff recommend instructing Mr. Cobean to finalize the design and the Engineer's Report to be brought forward for Council's consideration as soon as possible.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | N/A |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

Respectfully Submitted by:



Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer