

Report to Council

Report Title: Appointment of a Drainage Engineer for a Proposed Branch Drain on the Dales Municipal Drain (Botter)

Prepared By: Stephen Cobean, Drainage Superintendent

Department: Drainage

Date: February 6, 2024

Report Number: DARIN2024-02 **File Number:** C11DR, E09

Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receive Report Number DRAIN2024-02 – Appointment of a Drainage Engineer for a Proposed Branch Drain on the Dales Municipal Drain (Botter), prepared by Stephen Cobean, Drainage Superintendent and in doing so approves in principle, appointing R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited as the Engineering Company for the proposed Branch Drain (Botter) on the Dales Municipal Drain.

Report:

Background:

In 2021, Brockton Council received a petition for Drainage Works under Section 4 of the *Drainage Act* and subsequently appointed R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd. to complete an engineer's report for the proposed Dales Municipal Drain.

The property owner of Lot 19, Concession 11 in the former Township of Greenock was not an original signatory of that petition even though their lands fell within the watershed of the proposed drain. The property owner has now submitted a request for drainage improvements for their property through an extension of a new branch drain from the main section of the proposed Dales Municipal Drain. In order to consider this request, the property owner was required to submit a separate petition for Drainage Works for consideration by Council.

Analysis:

It is recommended that R.J. Burnside & Associates Ltd. be appointed as the engineer for this proposed branch to the Dales Municipal Drain. This appointment will allow R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd. to complete an examination of the area requiring drainage and review whether extending a new branch drain from the proposed Dales Municipal Drain to the property is feasible.

R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd. has considerable experience dealing with the requirements of the various approval agencies, namely the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and all Statutory Acts pertaining to these agencies, that relate to municipal drainage.

R.J. Burnside & Associates Ltd. has been appointed as the engineer for the Dales Municipal Drain in May 2021 as per By-Law 2021-060, and for Branch A of the Dales Municipal Drain in March 2023 as per By-Law 2023-036.

Based on the above, I recommend that Brockton Council appoint R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd. to make examination of the area requiring drainage as described in the petition for the purposes of providing a sufficient outlet to this area and to incorporate this new outlet into the Engineers Report for the Dales Municipal Drain as required by Section 8(1) of the *Drainage Act*.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

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

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance | N/A |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Municipal Drains are funded through borrowing until such time as construction is complete and all grants have been approved, at which point individual assessments are collected in the same manner as taxes.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Stephen Cobean, Drainage Superintendent

Reviewed By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sonya Watson", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer