

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	Tile Drain Loan Application - Concession 13 Greenock		
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk and Fiona Hamilton, Clerk		
<b>Department:</b>	Clerk's		
<b>Date:</b>	March 23, 2021		
<b>Report Number:</b>	CLK2021-10	<b>File Number:</b>	C11CL, F11
<b>Attachments:</b>	Tile Drain Loan Application – March 16, 2021 Tile Drain Loan Repayment Schedule		

### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2021-10 – Tile Drain Loan Application – Concession 13 Greenock, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk and Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward to accept the application and issue debentures for the loan.

### Report:

#### Background:

The Ontario Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) offer a Tile Drain Loan Program which provides loans to agricultural property owners to help them finance tile drainage projects.

In accordance with the OMAFRA program guidelines and the *Tile Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. T.8*, Council must accept or refuse the tile drain application.

#### Analysis:

On March 16, 2021 the Municipality of Brockton received an application for a Tile Drain Loan. The application has been attached for Council's review. The landowner has complete drainage of their 20-acre field, to replace existing drains that were not working and following the natural drainage course. The Applicant would like to use the loan to pay for the drainage works.

The drainage outlets are located on the Applicant's property, and a qualified contractor has already completed the drainage works, which have been inspected by John Strader, Roads Supervisor.

Tile loans must be repaid annually for a ten (10) year term. Landowners are eligible for a loan of up to 75% of the value of the tile drainage work. The program's interest rate is fixed for the full term of the loan, and is calculated annually. The Municipality collects loan repayments from the landowner and remits them to

OMAFRA. Staff have calculated the loan payment schedule for the landowner for this application and have attached the draft payment schedule to this report for Council's information. If this application was approved, the schedule would be attached to the By-Law.

Staff are recommending that Council accept the application.

### **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? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy?       | No  |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity?     | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity?           | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity?                 | No  |

### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

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

The landowner has requested a loan of \$7,300.00 to cover the remaining 75% cost of the drainage works. As included in the payment schedule, the landowner would be required to pay approximately \$991.84 in annual installments, plus interest and principal repayments. The landowner would continue to pay the fixed interest rates in accordance with the payment schedule for ten (10) years which would be completed by April 1, 2031. However, the loan can be repaid in full at any time.

### **Reviewed By:**



**Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer**

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### **Respectfully Submitted by:**



**Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk**



**Fiona Hamilton, Clerk**

### **Reviewed By:**



**Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer**