

Report to Civic Works Committee

To: Chair and Members
Civic Works Committee
From: Kelly Scherr, P. Eng., MBA, FEC
Deputy City Manager, Environment, and Infrastructure
Subject: Municipal Drain Petition – London Dairy Farms Ltd.
Date: May 10, 2022

Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure:

- a) the petition for the reconstruction of the Jenkins Municipal Drain located in the area of Wilton Grove Road and Old Victoria Road to benefit the drainage of Lot 6-8, Concession 2, 3700 Old Victoria Road, Township of Westminster **BE ACCEPTED** by the council of the Corporation of the City of London under section 5 of the *Drainage Act*; and,
- b) Mike DeVos, P.Eng. of Spriet Associates London Limited **BE APPOINTED** under section 8 of the *Drainage Act* to complete a report for the new drains.

Executive Summary

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of Council of a petition for the reconstruction of a Municipal Drain on 3700 Old Victoria Road (Lot 6-8) and to appoint an Engineer to undertake the required drainage report in accordance with *Drainage Act*.

Context

The City of London received a petition for the reconstruction of the existing Jenkins Drain that connects to the Moore Drain located on rural property. Under section 5 of the Ontario Drainage Act RSO 1990, council must forthwith consider the petition and within 30 days give notice of its decision. Staff recommend that council accept the petition. Following which, staff will appoint an engineering consultant to assess the requested drainage improvements, file a report, and implement supportable drainage works, in accordance with the processes defined by the provincial Drainage Act.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan

- This project supports the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan through the following: Londoners experience exceptional and valued customer service, and Building a Sustainable City, infrastructure is built, maintained, and operated to meet the long-term needs of our community.

Analysis

1.0 Background Information

1.1 Previous Reports Related to this Matter

None.

2.0 Discussion and Considerations

On April 14, 2022, Staff received a petition, Appendix A, for drainage from the registered owner of 3700 Old Victoria Road (Lots 6-8), former Geographical Township

of Westminster. The property is currently serviced by natural watercourses. The signee of the petition and owner of 3700 Old Victoria Road (Lot 6-8), Thomas Faulkner would like the current watercourse to be reconstructed and brought up to current design standards to relieve flooding on his agricultural property.

Under section 5 of the Drainage Act RSO 1990, council must forthwith consider the petition and within 30 days give notice of its decision. Staff recommend that council accept the petition.

Mike DeVos, P.Eng. of Spriet Associates London Limited is recommended to be appointed as the consultant to conduct a preliminary site visit and if suitable, prepare a report, and implement supportable drainage works, in accordance with Section 4 of the Ontario Drainage Act. This consultant assignment will be awarded to Spriet Associates London Ltd. in accordance with 15.2 c) of the City's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, selection of Professional Consulting Services that are less than \$100,000.

Conclusion

City Staff recommend accepting the petition to evaluate drainage concerns at 3700 Old Victoria Road (Lots 6-8) and for the named engineering consultant, Spriet Associates London Ltd. to pursue next steps and implementation, all in accordance with Ontario Drainage Act RSO 1990.

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Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure**

Appendix 'A' – Thomas Faulkner Petition

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