



Staff Report

Report number: DRAIN2019-11-17

Prepared by: Emily Dance, Clerk

File Number: 1050 Drainage

Subject: Bruce Beach Drain

Date: Nov. 4, 2019

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Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number DRAIN2019-11-17 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk and authorizes scheduling a Public Meeting for the Bruce Beach Drain project in November / December 2019 to allow the project to proceed in a timely manner.

Background:

At the October 21, 2019 Council Meeting, Council directed the Drainage Engineer to move forward with the design details of the Bruce Beach Drain project.

At the meeting concerns from the public were raised regarding the proposed date of November/December 2019 for the next Public Meeting. Many of the property owners in the Bruce Beach Drain project are seasonal residents and not available to attend the public meetings at the proposed time and prefer to have the meeting in the spring of 2020.

Comments:

The Drainage Engineer indicated at the Council meeting that the public meeting could be delayed until the Spring of 2020; however there are factors to consider.

Option 1 - Public Meeting November/December 2019

- Final report to Council December / January, 2020 (unless significant changes from meeting)
- Provisional By-Law to Council January/ February, 2020
- Court of Revision March 2020
- Appeal Period Spring 2020
- *Tendering Process – Late Spring/Early Summer 2020
- *Construction – Fall 2020 (contingent on Contractor's availability)

Option 2 – Public Meeting April 2020

- Final report to Council May 2020 (unless significant changes from meeting)
- Provisional By-Law to Council May/June 2020
- Court of Revision July/August 2020
- Appeal Period Fall 2020
- *Tendering Process – late fall 2020

- *Construction – 2021

*subject to appeals

As noted above, subject to no appeals construction could begin in the Fall of 2020; however, if the public meeting is delayed until the spring, construction of the project could not begin any earlier than 2021.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss have made great efforts to include the public in the process from the beginning

- April 5, 2019 Launch of Have your Say HK website – commenting period open
- May 4, 2019 Commenting Period Closed
- May 25, 2019 Open House Point Clark Community Centre
- October 21, 2019 Council Meeting
- October 22, 2019 Have your Say HK, presentation posted, commenting period open
- November 22, 2019 Commenting Period Closes

The Have your Say HK website has been a valuable tool to provide information on the project and gather feedback and consider the public concerns. In general, the public has supported the Have your Say HK communication method to allow the property owners the ability to provide feedback on the project.

Staff is recommending that the Public Meeting be held in November/December 2019 to allow the project to proceed in a timely manner. Staff is proposing the presentation from the Engineer be made available to the Public via the Have your Say HK website prior to the meeting to allow property owners not attending the meeting an opportunity to raise their concerns which can be verbally included at the meeting and included in the minutes which will be provided on the site following the meeting in a similar question and answer page that was included in the minutes of the May 25, 2019 open house.

Financial Impact/Budget Implications:

As per the Drainage Act.

Alignment to Sustainability Plan Goals and Directions:

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent. We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment by being aware and taking responsibility.

Respectfully submitted:
(original signed by)
Emily Dance, Clerk

Reviewed by:
Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer