

**5. MOTION – PROPOSED SERVICING FOR WHITEWOOD AVENUE**

**MOTION – ENTRETIEN PROPOSÉ POUR AVENUE WHITEWOOD**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council approve the plan for remediation for the affected Whitewood Avenue properties, as described in this report, as follows:

1. Approve Option 2, Domestic water supply and fire protection, consisting of 260 metres of 200 mm diameter watermain from Doctor Leach Drive, including fire hydrants, be conditionally approved, as it is consistent with the City's ultimate servicing strategy for Manotick, with \$1.39 million of budget authority established, with \$1.319 million to be funded from the City's water rate reserve and \$71 thousand to be funded through cost-recoveries from residents; and
2. That, if the consultation process with residents cannot be resolved prior to the completion of the design process of Option 2, staff will proceed with Option 1, with the establishment of \$1.23 million of budget authority funded from the City's water rate reserve.

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU COMITÉ**

Que le Conseil approuve le plan correctif pour les propriétés concernées de l'avenue Whitewood, comme suit :

1. Que l'option 2 consistant en l'approvisionnement en eau domestique et en l'offre de protection contre les incendies, sous la forme d'une conduite d'eau principale de 200 mm de diamètre sur 260 mètres depuis la promenade Doctor Leach, y compris des bornes-fontaines, soit approuvée sous conditions, puisqu'elle concorde avec la stratégie de viabilisation finale de la Ville pour

**Manotick. Cette option fera l'objet d'une autorisation budgétaire de 1,39 million de dollars, dont 1,319 million proviendra du fonds de réserve des redevances d'eau municipal et 71 000 \$ sera recouvert auprès des résidents; et**

- 2. Que, si le processus de consultation des résidents ne peut mener à un consensus avant la fin du processus de conception de l'option 2, le personnel se tourne vers l'option 1, qui fera l'objet d'une autorisation budgétaire de 1,23 million de dollars, somme qui proviendra du fonds de réserve des redevances d'eau municipal.**

#### DOCUMENTATION/DOCUMENTATION

1. Councillor S. Moffatt report, dated February 3, 2021, (ACS2021-OCC-FED-0002)  
  
Conseiller S. Moffatt daté le 3 février 2021, (ACS2021-OCC-FED-0002)
2. Extract of draft Minutes, Finance and Economic Development Committee, 2 February 2021  
  
Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité des finances et du développement économique, le 2 février 2021.

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**Council  
Conseil**

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**Ward: RIDEAU-GOULBOURN (21)**

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**SUBJECT: MOTION – PROPOSED SERVICING FOR WHITEWOOD AVENUE**

**OBJET: MOTION – ENTRETIEN PROPOSÉ POUR AVENUE WHITEWOOD**

## **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**budget authority established, with \$1.319 million to be funded from the City's water rate reserve and \$71 thousand to be funded through cost-recoveries from residents; and**

- **That, if the consultation process with residents cannot be resolved prior to the completion of the design process of Option 2, staff will proceed with Option 1, with the establishment of \$1.23 million of budget authority funded from the City's water rate reserve.**

## **RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Conseil approuve le plan correctif pour les propriétés concernées de l'avenue Whitewood, comme suit :**

- **Approve l'option 2 consistant en l'approvisionnement en eau domestique et en l'offre de protection contre les incendies, sous la forme d'une conduite d'eau principale de 200 mm de diamètre sur 260 mètres depuis la promenade Doctor Leach, y compris des bornes-fontaines, soit approuvée sous conditions, puisqu'elle concorde avec la stratégie de viabilisation finale de la Ville pour Manotick. Cette option fera l'objet d'une autorisation budgétaire de 1,39 million de dollars, dont 1,319 million proviendra du fonds de réserve des redevances d'eau municipal et 71 000 \$ sera recouvert auprès des résidents; et**
- **Que, si le processus de consultation des résidents ne peut mener à un consensus avant la fin du processus de conception de l'option 2, le personnel se tourne vers l'option 1, qui fera l'objet d'une autorisation budgétaire de 1,23 million de dollars, somme qui proviendra du fonds de réserve des redevances d'eau municipal.**

## **BACKGROUND**

The Finance and Economic Development Committee, at its meeting of February 2, 2021, approved the following motion to add to the agenda pursuant to 89(3) of the Procedures By-law (being By-law no. 2019-8):

**WHEREAS, as part of the City's Groundwater Management Strategy, a study was completed in the Village of Manotick, and untreated water collected from private wells was analyzed for bacteria and a suite of chemical parameters; and**

**WHEREAS Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) were found to be present in 5 private residential wells on Whitewood Avenue, one of which had a concentration exceeding a safe drinking water limit and, in addition to the VOC contamination, private residential wells on Whitewood also showed very high chloride concentrations of an unknown source, rendering the water non-viable for domestic use; and**

**WHEREAS, although The source of the detected VOCs cannot be determined with certainty, the evidence indicates that it is associated with the dumping of tetrachloroethylene (PCE) in the early 1970s and 80s, noting that the groundwater contamination from this source led to the provision of drinking water servicing for the core of the village of Manotick in 1993, funded by the Province; and**

**WHEREAS the party attributed to the historical VOC contamination in Manotick is no longer present and cannot be pursued to provide financial assistance and remediation to the affected residents; and**

**WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) indicated there is currently no Provincial funding program for emergency servicing and therefore they are not able to provide financial assistant to the affected residents to resolve this historic issue; and**

**WHEREAS staff has prepared a scope of work that will provide the affected residents with a safe water supply and considered a number of financing options, including a Local Improvement Charge (which is not recommended at this time, primarily due to the length of time required to complete the process), staff has prepared two cost estimate options based on project scope and on the approach taken by the Province in 1993, as follows:**

- **Option 1:**

**Domestic water supply only, consisting of 260 metres of 100 mm diameter watermain from Doctor Leach Drive. The Class D total capital cost estimate for this option is approximately \$1.23 Million, including services to within 1**

metre of each building face. To be consistent with the approach taken by the Province in 1993, this option would be fully funded by the City;

- **Option 2:**

**Domestic water supply and fire protection, consisting of 260 metres of 200 mm diameter watermain from Doctor Leach Drive, including fire hydrants.**

**The Class D total capital cost estimate for this option is approximately \$1.39 Million, including services to within 1 meter of each building face. To be consistent with the approach taken by the Province in 1993, this option would be partially funded by the residents; and**

**WHEREAS Option 2 is consistent with the City Council's ultimate servicing strategy for Manotick, which envisions the extension of services (including fire protection) to existing and future development within the village; and**

**WHEREAS Option 1 would see no immediate costs to the resident, but lacks fire protection; and**

**WHEREAS staff propose that homeowner costs for Option 2 will be approximately \$7,900 per residence if divided among 9 residences, based on the difference between the Options 1 and 2 construction cost estimates, i.e. \$71,000, for a net City cost of \$1.319 million; and**

**WHEREAS the Councillor has indicated his wish to undertake consultation with the affected residents regarding Option 2, with the recommendation that design of the project proceed in parallel with these consultations to ensure that safe drinking water infrastructure can be provided to these homes as soon as possible, and staff concur with this approach;**

**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the plan for remediation for the affected Whitewood Avenue properties, as described in this motion, as follows:**

- **That Option 2, Domestic water supply and fire protection, consisting of 260 metres of 200 mm diameter watermain from Doctor Leach Drive, including fire hydrants, be conditionally approved, as it is consistent with the City's ultimate servicing strategy for Manotick, with \$1.39 million of**

**budget authority established, with \$1.319 million to be funded from the City's water rate reserve and \$71 thousand to be funded through cost-recoveries from residents; and**

- **That, if the consultation process with residents cannot be resolved prior to the completion of the design process of Option 2, staff will proceed with Option 1, with the establishment of \$1.23 million of budget authority funded from the City's water rate reserve.**

## **DISCUSSION**

This above Motion, introduced by Councillor Moffatt at the Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting of February 2, 2021, was added to the Committee agenda as an additional item, via a suspension of the Rules of Procedure. It is now before Council for consideration.

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

## **CONSULTATION**

The Finance and Economic Development Committee (FEDC) meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to speak to an item may do so. No members of the public spoke to this item at the FEDC meeting on February 2, 2021.

## **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

Councillor S. Moffatt raised this issue by way of Motion at the February 2, 2021 Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting and can provide further context upon request.

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS**

Advisory committees were not consulted on this report.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Water reserve funding of \$1.23 million is required for Option 1 or \$1.319 million for Option 2.

Pending Council approval of the report recommendations, a new account and budget authority of \$1.39 million will be established to fund Option 2. Of the \$1.39M, \$1.319 million will be funded from the water reserve and \$71 thousand will be funded by cost-recoveries from residents.

In the event the consultation process is not resolved prior to the completion of the design process and Option 1 is enacted, the budget authority will be adjusted to \$1.23 million funded 100 percent from the water reserve.

### **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

### **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

### **DISPOSITION**

Staff will implement Council's decision(s), as directed.