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MOTION – PROPOSED SERVICING FOR WHITEWOOD AVENUE

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RIDEAU-GOULBOURN (21)

Following approval by the Finance and Economic Development Committee to add this item to the agenda, Councillor Moffatt read the following motion:

MOTION No. FEDC 2021 1/20

Moved by Councillor S. Moffatt

BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance and Economic Development Committee add the following motion for consideration at today's meeting:

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 assistance 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.

Councillor Moffatt advised that staff are in support of this motion. In addition to Councillor Moffatt, Wendy Stephanson, Chief Financial Officer and Gen Nielsen, Manager, Asset Management, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development responded to questions with respect to fire protection and potential impacts on water rate reserves.

After discussion, the Committee CARRIED this item as presented.