



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Municipal Drain Status Update April 2025

Date: Apr. 23, 2025

Report Number: DRA-2025-07

Department: Drains

File Number: C11 DRA 25

Prepared By: Ken McCallum

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report DRA-2025-07 prepared by Ken McCallum, Drainage Superintendent.

Background:

Municipal Drainage projects are in various stages of completion. This report is to provide the Committee with an update on each drain in progress.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Previous update provided in [Municipal Drain Status Update January 2025](#).

Capital Works

Gaunt-Laidlaw Municipal Drain

The Engineer's report was accepted by Council on February 3, 2025, and the Court of Revision had two sittings to hear an appeal, concluding on April 7, 2025. Staff are currently waiting for the appeal period to lapse. If no appeals are filed, the by-law can receive third reading, and Staff will direct the engineer to proceed with tendering the construction of the project.

Bruce Beach Phase 1

The Bruce Beach Drain Phase 1 construction project has completed, and following an accounting for construction costs, a by-law has been included on the April 23, 2025 Council meeting agenda to assess Actual Costs for the Drainage Works.

Others

The appointed Engineers continue to work on the following ongoing capital drain projects: Black Creek Municipal Drain, Park Street & Railway Street Municipal Drains, Bruce Beach Drain Phase 2, Clark Creek Municipal Drain, Vandiepenbeek and Thompson Lamont-Deyell Municipal Drain, Pennell Municipal Drain, Jantzi Municipal Drain and Kempton Municipal Drain.

Maintenance Works

Stewart Municipal Drain

A meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2025, with the affected landowners to discuss the issues identified while conducting maintenance to the drain.

Staff will provide a verbal update regarding the outcome of these discussions.

Others

The following are ongoing maintenance drain projects with no change in status since the last report: Reavie Municipal Drain, Carrick Municipal Drain, Kincardine Kinloss Municipal Drain, and Pollard Municipal Drain.

Maintenance Assessments Outstanding

The following maintenance projects have been completed. Staff are preparing assessments to landowners; Brooks Municipal Drain. The by-laws to assess costs to landowners in accordance with the last revised assessment schedule governing the drain are expected to be considered at the May or June meetings of Council.

New Requests Received

Maintenance requests have been received for the Guest Branch, Culbert-Weller, Clark Creek, and Sideroad 10, Concession 7-8 Municipal Drains. Municipal staff are currently investigating the issues and will report back at a later time.

Financial Impacts:

The cost of constructing, maintaining and/or repairing municipal drains is assessed to all the landowners within the drain watershed depicted in the last engineer's report as outlined in the *Drainage Act, 1990*. The Township is responsible for any Assessments to all Municipal lands and roads as determined by the engineer.

The Township's Drainage Superintendent duties are provided through a shared services agreement with the Municipality of Huron-East. The Township of Huron-Kinloss would typically have two days each week of availability for the Drainage Superintendent to perform the duties assigned

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Protect, promote and restore our natural environment

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer