



## Staff Report

**Report Title: McDonald-Bushell Municipal Drain**

**Prepared By: Grant Collins, Drainage Superintendent**

**Department: Drain**

**Date: Sep. 8, 2021**

**Report Number: DRAIN-2021-09-18  
McDonald/Bushell**

**File Number: E09-**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole approves Report Number Drain2021-09- prepared by Grant Collins, Drainage Superintendent and in so doing accepts the letter of recommendation from Dietrich Engineering of Waterloo, On. to transfer the McDonald-Bushell Municipal drain file to RJ Burnside Engineering of Woodstock On. to complete this project under Section 4 and 78 of the Drainage Act.

### **Background:**

Due to drainage issues with the Black Creek Municipal drain and a lack of bench marks to go by for determining maintenance ability of the drain compounded by the fact that the drain downstream crosses through two neighbouring municipalities, the Drainage Superintendent made a request to Council to appoint Dietrich Engineering under Section 78 of the Drainage Act to produce an updated report for improvement of the drain. They have completed some of the work, but not yet provided a report.

### **Discussion:**

As reported previously, Dietrich Engineering has undergone some staffing changes which has affected their ability to proceed with this project in a timely manner.

On August 31, 2021 DEL sent a letter to the Clerk requesting the file be transferred to RJ Burnside.

The McDonald-Bushell Municipal drain is also an extended branch of the Black Creek Municipal drain. The original intention was to coincide the two reports for efficiency

purposes. Since the Black Creek project has already been transferred to RJ Burnside Engineering, it is logical to transfer the McDonald-Bushell project as well.

**Financial Impacts:**

Financial impacts will be provided in the Engineer's report.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Grant Collins, Drainage Superintendent

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer