



### Staff Report

**Report Title: Blairs Grove Well Abandonment**

**Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works**

**Department: Public Works**

**Date: Oct. 4, 2021**

**Report Number: PW-2021-10-77**

**File Number: E08 WEL 20**

**Attachments: PW-2020-09-56**

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**Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number PW-2021-10-77, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works AND grants an exemption to the Purchasing & Procurement Policy AND FURTHER accepts the quotation from W.D. Hopper & Sons Ltd. in the amount of \$161,364.00 plus HST for the abandonment of Blairs Grove Well 2 AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law comes forward

**Background:**

As first reported to Council on Sept. 9, 2020, Township staff having been working with our Operating Authority, Veolia Canada, our hydrogeologist, and W.D. Hopper & Sons Ltd. to formulate a plan to abandon Blairs Grove Well 2 (BG-W2) after it was determined that the well casing had failed. The rationale for this decision is explained in the attached report PW-2020-09-56

**Discussion:**

Township staff do not recommend tendering this project due to the complexity of abandoning an artesian well that is hydraulically connected to the well that is currently in service, known as BG-W3. The amount estimated by the Contractor could vary considerably depending on how the process develops as these types of wells can be unpredictable. W.D. Hopper is most familiar with this site and, therefore, are in the best position to complete this project successfully and within budget.

**Financial Impacts:**

The 2021 Capital Budget allocated \$200,000 for the abandonment of BG-W2.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner by investing in infrastructure.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works, C.E.T.

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer