



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
SAUGEEN SHORES

INFORMATION REPORT

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Subject: Sanitary Sewer Expansion – North of the Saugeen River

BACKGROUND

The expansion of the sanitary sewers to the area north of the Saugeen River has always been a consideration of Council's since the sewage treatment plant was designed and built in the early 1970's. The plant was designed with sufficient capacity to service all the lands within the urban boundary of the Town of Southampton. The entire Town was not serviced at that time due to various reasons. Over the past 15 years the remaining areas except for the subject lands have been serviced.

In 2009 this issue was raised at the March 4th Budget Meeting. It was introduced by Staff to identify a project as a proactive measure in order to make application for funding that may be made available by the senior levels of government. Council agreed for Staff to proceed with the Environmental Assessment process by retaining the service of a Consultant Firm without the RFP. \$30,000 was allocated to the sewer budget.

On April 14th the Build Canada Fund and the Stimulus Fund were announced with an application deadline of May 1st, 2009. Council at its Committee of Whole Meeting on April 27th, 2009, discussed a number of projects for consideration and applied for three (3) projects with the Sanitary Sewer expansion remaining on the list for the Stimulus Fund. On May 25th, Staff presented a report to Council requesting permission to negotiate with Gamsby and Mannerow Ltd. and Genevair for the work, design, approvals and contract documents for the proposed Southampton sanitary sewer expansion.

On June 5th, the funding approvals were announced with the Town receiving approval of two projects, one being the sanitary sewer expansion. On June 17th and the 20th, public information meetings took place regarding the Environmental Assessment process. Those meetings were very well attended and many issues and concerns were raised. The Public was requested to put any concerns or comments in writing to the Town by July 10th, 2009. All of the written comments, concerns etc. will be in place in the project file and available for Council's perusal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The project is estimated to cost \$17,680,000 and the Municipal portion that the Town has to contribute is \$5,893,333. On similar projects the Town has used Part XII Fees and Charges of the Municipal Act to impose fees or charges for this service. At least one (1) public meeting is required to inform the public of the cost.

This amount can be better estimated once a tender(s) is received but actual costs will be used in the final allocation. Staff will recommend charges in respect to the various classes of properties, which includes those that will receive the immediate benefit and those properties that will receive a benefit at some later point in time.

The classes of properties are: Highway Commercial; Resort Commercial; Planned Development; Open Space; and Residential. In recent projects, residential properties have been charged per connection and others by acreage.

Council can consider financing the project payments over twenty (20) years and Council may also consider deferring payments for up to three (3) years. The deferral would allow a person to cover the cost of their installation prior to making payments.

Staff and the Engineering Firm are collecting information as to the design, location and necessary road improvements. Once they have all the information, better estimates can be obtained and Council will be provided with up to date information.