

**Subject: Blaser Municipal Drain – Appointment of Engineer**

**File Number: ACS2024-IWS-WL-0004**

**Report to Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee on 6 June 2024**

**and Council 12 June 2024**

**Submitted on April 4, 2024 by Marilyn Journeaux, Director, Water Linear and Customer Services, Infrastructure and Water Services**

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**Ward: Osgoode (20)**

**Objet: Blaser drain municipal – Nomination d'un ingénieur**

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**Rapport au Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales**

**le 6 juin 2024**

**et au Conseil le 12 juin 2024**

**Soumis le 4 avril 2024 par Marilyn Journeaux, directrice, Services linéaires d'eau et à la clientèle, Direction générale des services d'infrastructure et d'eau**

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## **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council appoint Mr. Andy Robinson, P. Eng of Robinson Consultants Inc. as the Engineer of record to prepare a report under Section 8(1) of the Drainage Act in response to a petition received under Section 4 of the Drainage Act, as described in this report.**

## **RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales recommande au Conseil de nommer M. Andy Robinson, ing., de la firme Robinson Consultants Inc., comme ingénieur chargé de rédiger un rapport aux termes du paragraphe 8(1) de la *Loi sur le drainage*, en réponse à une pétition reçue aux termes de l'article 4 de la *Loi sur le drainage*, comme le précise le présent rapport.**

## **BACKGROUND**

In response to the petition under Section 4 of the *Drainage Act*, the Drainage Superintendent recommends that Council proceed, under Section 5 of the *Drainage Act*, and appoint an engineer to prepare a report under Section 8(1) of the *Drainage Act* to address the need for improved drainage for part of Lots 27, 28 and 29, Concession 7, Osgoode Ward.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff are recommending that Council appoint Andy Robinson, P.Eng. of Robinson Consultants Inc., as the engineer of record as he has over 40 years experience with similar *Drainage Act* projects, a specialized field of engineering in Ontario.

The Office of the City Clerk, City of Ottawa, has received a petition for drainage works pursuant to Section 4 of the *Drainage Act*. This petition is seeking a legal outlet through the creation of a new drainage works, under the Drainage Act, for the lands and roads located in part of Lots 27, 28 and 29, Concession 7, Osgoode Ward.

The *Drainage Act* prescribes the process and timelines to be followed for any modification, improvement or construction of a municipal drain and the timing of this report is directly tied to related legislative requirements.

Further to the petition received, this report places the request for the appointment of a Drainage Engineer for the preparation of an engineer's report before the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and Council as required under Section 5 of the *Drainage Act*.

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

The existing lands and roads will benefit from this undertaking through improved drainage, storm water management, watercourse management reduced risk of flooding and the provision of a legal and sufficient outlet.

## **CONSULTATION**

Consultation with the Ward Councillor and City staff is ongoing.

## **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLORS**

The Councillor is aware of this report.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to Committee and Council's approval of the recommendation of this report.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

## **ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no asset management implications associated with this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All costs associated with the engineer's report will be initially paid by the Water, Linear and Customer Services Branch of the Infrastructure and Water Services Department but eventually recovered from the owners of land within the watershed of the municipal drain as determined by the Drainage Engineer. The estimated cost of the report is \$75,000. Funding is available in capital internal order 910905 Municipal Drains Improvements for the cost of the engineer's report. A separate new internal order will be created for this specific drain and all necessary funding will be transferred to it from internal order 910905.

## **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Any proposed works will require compliance with City, provincial and federal policies, standards, regulations and legislation.

### **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

The recommendations of this report align with the current Strategic Priority as part of the sustainable environmental services strategic priority by supporting an environmentally sustainable Ottawa.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 Location Map

### **DISPOSITION**

The Drainage Superintendent shall notify all affected landowners and the local conservation authority of the decision of Council. Once this report is approved by Council, a separate new internal order will be created for this specific drain and all necessary funding will be transferred to it from internal order 910905.

Document 1 – Location Map

