

Subject: Engineer's Report amendments to the Thomas Gamble Municipal Drain

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Ward: Riverside South-Findlay Creek (22) Osgoode (20)

Objet : Modification du rapport de l'ingénieur sur le drain municipal Thomas Gamble

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

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend that Council adopt the engineer's report prepared by Robinson Consultants Inc., entitled Engineer's report amendments to the Thomas Gamble Municipal Drain, and give first and second readings to the By-law attached as Document 3 in accordance with Sections 42 and 45 of the *Drainage Act of Ontario*.

RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales recommande au Conseil d'adopter le rapport d'ingénieur produit par Robinson Consultants Inc., intitulé « Modification du rapport de l'ingénieur sur le drain municipal Thomas-Gamble », et présente en première et deuxième lectures le règlement joint au présent rapport en tant que document 3, conformément aux articles 42 et 45 de la *Loi sur le drainage de l'Ontario*.

BACKGROUND

Matt Ford, of Morrison Hershfield, was initially appointed as the drainage engineer on this project. An on-site meeting on April 17, 2019, and all affected landowners were notified of the meeting as required under Section 9 of the [Drainage Act](#).

On April 13, 2022, Council appointed Andy Robinson, P. Eng. of Robinson Consultants Inc., to prepare an engineer's report under Section 4 of the Drainage Act to address improvements to accommodate changes in land use as a result of urban development.

Following his appointment, Mr. Robinson has provided an engineer's report (Document 2) which updated the existing engineer's report to provide adequate drainage to the lands and roads within the drainage area and associated costs to the landowners within the watershed.

Staff are recommending the adoption of the engineer's report for the Thomas Gamble Municipal Drain dated October 2024 prepared by Robinson Consultants Inc.

DISCUSSION

The Thomas Gamble Municipal Drain is located in Wards 20 and 22 near Riverside South. The drain was originally constructed as the George Gordon Award ditch in 1894 and it was updated with a new engineer's report in 1954 (By-law No. 74-55 former Township of Gloucester). It was further updated and extended by a new engineer's report in 1971 (By-law No. 71-1971 former Township of Gloucester).

Next Steps

If Council approves the adoption of the engineer's report (Document 2), the next step for this project will be to hold a Court of Revision to address potential assessment appeals from the landowners within the watershed. If no appeal is received within 40 days, the

decision is final. Following the 40-day appeal period, the By-law (Document 3) will be placed on Council agenda for third reading.

Once all appeal deadlines have been exhausted the By-law receives a third reading.

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 and eventually recovered from the owners of the subject land. The total estimated costs are \$2,420,182.08. This amount includes a special benefit assessment of \$2,394,284.56 to the owners of Blocks D, E, and F. The remaining \$25,897.52 associated with this report will be assessed to the other properties within the drainage area as shown on Dwg. No. 22021-A3. This amount includes assessments and internal cost recovery related to City of Ottawa lands and roads in the amount of \$4,118.94.

An internal order 909171 exists for this specific drain and the necessary funding will be established from anticipated revenues. The City funding of \$4,118.94 will be transferred from the Municipal Drains internal order 911341.

Future maintenance costs for the Thomas Gamble Municipal Drain will also be assessed as per assessment schedules "Schedule C Section 1 for the future maintenance of the Thomas Gamble Municipal Drain" and "Schedule D Section 2 for the future maintenance of the Thomas Gamble Municipal Drain".

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments associated with the implementation of the recommendation of this report.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

The Councillors for Riverside South-Findlay Creek and Osgoode Wards are aware of this report and the proposed update to the drainage works.

CONSULTATION

The required on-site meeting with the affected landowners was held on April 17, 2019.

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.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

The land within the watershed will benefit from this undertaking through the provision of improved drainage and reduced risk of flooding.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The recommendations of this report align with the current strategic priority “A city that is green and resilient” and supports the underlying strategic objective Improve key infrastructure through asset management”.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – Location Plan

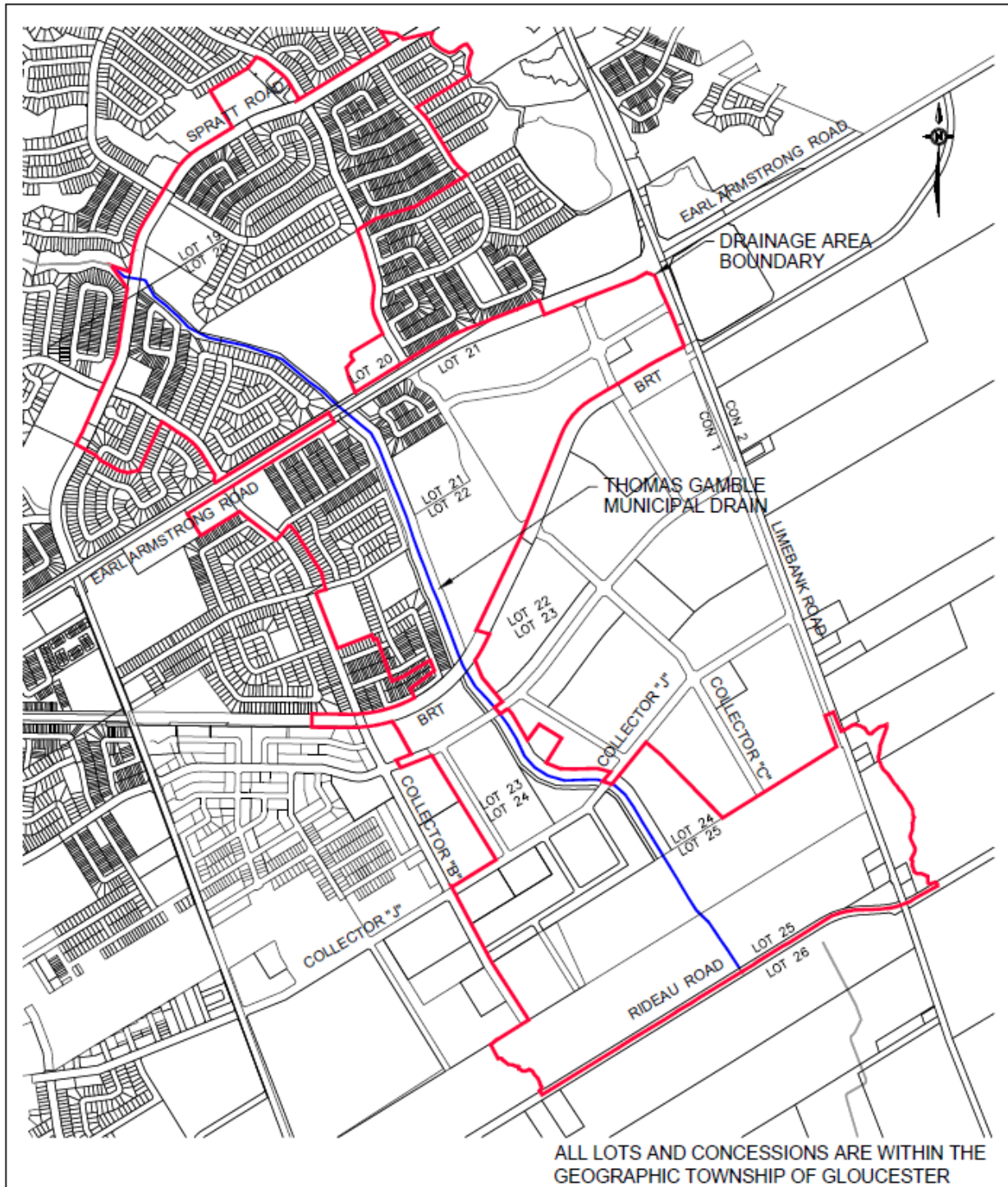
Document 2 – Engineer’s report amendments to the Thomas Gamble Municipal Drain
(held on file with the Office of the City Clerk)

Document 3 – Provisional By-law

DISPOSITION

Upon approval by Council, the Office of the Drainage Superintendent will notify all affected landowners of the date of the first sitting of the Court of Revision as required under Section 46 of the *Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990*.

Document 1



Robinson Consultants	Title		LOCATION PLAN	Fig. No.	3.1
	Project		THOMAS GAMBLE MUNICIPAL DRAIN	Job No.	22021
	Scale		NTS	Date	OCT 2024