

Subject: McIntyre-Scobie Municipal Drain – Appointment of Engineer

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Ward: Rideau-Jock (21)

Objet : Drain municipal McIntyre Scobie – Nomination d'un ingénieur

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Rapport au Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales

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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council receive the request for major improvement under Section 78(1) of the Drainage Act for the McIntyre-Scobie Municipal Drain and deny the request to appoint an Engineer for this project.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales recommande au Conseil de prendre acte de la demande de travaux d'amélioration d'importance majeure relative au drain municipal McIntyre-Scobie en vertu du paragraphe 78(1) de la *Loi sur le drainage* et de refuser la demande de nomination d'un ingénieur.

BACKGROUND

On June 19, 2025, a request for a major drain improvement under section 78 of the [Drainage Act](#) was received for the McIntyre-Scobie Municipal Drain.

The McIntyre-Scobie Municipal Drain is located in Rideau-Jock Ward, to the North of the village of Kars. This drain crosses Rideau Valley Drive N and Phelan Road. The McIntyre-Scobie Municipal Drain was originally constructed in 1969.

DISCUSSION

Staff are not recommending that Council appoint an engineer of record for the McIntyre-Scobie Municipal Drain.

A pre-consultation between the Drainage Superintendent and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has taken place. Concerns raised include the proximity of the outlet to the Rideau River as well as the presence of flood plain near Rideau Valley Drive North.

This request has been received from a single residential property at the outlet of the McIntyre-Scobie Municipal Drain. There has been no communication received from other landowners within the watershed with regard to poor functioning of the municipal drain.

The update to an Engineer's Report under the Drainage Act is a lengthy and expensive process. In this specific situation, it is unlikely that the costs of the project will outweigh the benefits of this requested update.

It is the opinion of the Drainage Superintendent that the concerns raised by the requesting landowner are unlikely to be resolved to the satisfaction of the requestor through an update to the existing Engineers' Report for the McIntyre-Scobie Municipal Drain.

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.

This report places a request to deny the appointment of an engineer of record before the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and Council as required under Section 5 of the *Drainage Act*.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

The existing lands will retain the benefit from the presence of the existing McIntyre-Scobie Municipal Drain.

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

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

A pre-consultation between the Drainage Superintendent and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has taken place. Concerns raised include the proximity of the outlet to the Rideau River as well as the presence of flood plain near Rideau Valley Drive North.

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 Map

DISPOSITION

The Drainage Superintendent shall notify all affected landowners of the decision of Council.

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