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AMENDMENT TO THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE EAST SAVAGE
MUNICIPAL DRAIN

ACS2021-PWE-PFS-0006

INNES (2) CUMBERLAND (19)

Report recommendation

That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend that Council adopt the Engineer's Report prepared by Robinson Consultants Inc., entitled Amendment to the Engineer's Report for the East Savage Municipal Drain dated September 2021 and give 1st and 2nd reading to the By-law attached as Document 2 to this report in accordance with Sections 42 and 45 of the Drainage Act of Ontario.

Dave Ryan, Drainage Superintendent, gave a brief summary and context on the file. He noted that he and Any Robinson, Drainage Engineer were present to answer any questions.

The Committee heard from the following delegation:

David Schyff – He and his family have been on this land for about 50 years and feels he knows the drainage system fairly well. He thinks that diverting the water to the Mer Bleue bog would be better as water has been decreasing to the bog. There is so much concrete now that the water has nowhere to really go and causes flooding especially in Bearbrook river. Does not agree with current course of action.

Following the delegation members had a variety of questions but limited to the following:

- Would the alternate plan of diverting to Mer Bleue not work? Mr. Robinson noted that diverting to another watercourse is not the best answer nor is it recommended or accepted by other levels of government.
- Maintenance on the Bearbrook River has not been done since around 1990 and needs to be done.
- There is an allowance for landowners based on the 1990 report.
- This work will minimize the risk but not get rid of it completely.
- There was consultation done with local landowners and the cost of this work will be done by the developer.

Chair El-Chantiry urged members to contact the drainage office before meetings to become familiar with issues and have any questions answered.

Correspondence was received from:

Denise Faubert - responded to by Erin Moore

Melanie Clark – circulated to members

The Committee CARRIED the recommendation as presented with dissent from Councillor Meehan.