



Report to Council

Department: Infrastructure Services
Division: Drainage
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Subject: Abandonment of the top end of the Hamelin Drain
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Recommendation(s)

That Drainage-2020-12 entitled Abandonment of the top end of the Hamelin Drain prepared by Lindsay Dean dated October 19, 2020 be received, and

That Council approve the abandonment of the most northerly 15 metres of the Hamelin Drain under Section 84 of the Drainage Act, and

That by-law 1958 being a by-law to provide for the Hamelin Drain (Abandonment of the north 15m) receive a first, second, third and final reading.

Purpose

To abandon the north 15 metres of the Hamelin Drain as per the request of the benefiting landowner. Drain abandonments are undertaken using Section 84 of the Drainage Act.

Background and Discussion

The Hamelin Drain runs along the east side of Walker Sideroad south of the ERCA Greenway to the north side of North Malden Road where it outlets into the North Rear Road Drain.

Under Section 84 of the Drainage Act, an owner assessed for benefit may request that the whole drain or portion of the drain be abandoned. The landowner requesting that a portion of the drain be abandoned is located at the very top end of the watershed boundary and meets the requirement under the Drainage Act to proceed under Section 84(1).

Through the drain abandonment process, this section of drain will lose legal status as a municipal drain and will become the responsibility of the Road Authority to maintain the ditch for road drainage purposes.

The landowner has requested to abandon the municipal drain in this location to avoid having to appoint an engineer under the Drainage Act. Once the abandonment process is complete, the landowner will be able to install the culvert by applying for an Entrance Permit with the Operations Department. This will result in a significant cost savings to the landowner and the Operations Department will have the culvert installed to their satisfaction to maintain sufficient road drainage.



Council may proceed with the requested abandonment of the most northerly 15m of the Hamelin Drain by passing by-law 1958.

Financial Impact

There are no costs to the Town associated with proceeding with the abandonment of the Hamelin Drain.

Consultations

None.

Link to Strategic Priorities

- ☒ Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure which meets current and future needs of the municipality and its citizens.
- ☐ Create a safe, friendly and inclusive community which encourages healthy, active living for people of all ages and abilities.
- ☐ Provide a fiscal stewardship and value for tax dollars to ensure long-term financial health to the municipality.
- ☐ Manage responsible and viable growth while preserving and enhancing the unique rural and small town character of the community.
- ☐ Improve the experiences of individuals, as both citizens and customers, in their interactions with the Town of Essex.
- ☐ Improve the Town's capacity to meet the ongoing and future service needs of its citizens while ensuring the corporation is resilient in the face of unanticipated changes or disruptions.