



COUNCIL REPORT

From: Brett Pollock, CBO
Date: November 10, 2021
Subject: Proposed Expansion of Century Heights Water Municipal Water System and Environmental Assessment

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council proceed with the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the expansion of the Century Heights Municipal Water System to be completed by BM Ross with a budget amount of \$360,000 plus HST. Further, that Council passes a motion that the cost of the EA will be recovered through Development Charges.

BACKGROUND:

At the September 21 Council Meeting, Council received a report from Staff, attached, seeking direction to proceed with the investigation of an EA to expand the Century Heights Water System. As a result, Council agreed to support proceeding with the investigation of an Environmental Assessment for the expansion of the Century Heights Municipal Water System to accommodate future growth. Further that a report be brought back to a future Council meeting with more detail.

COMMENT:

BM Ross has provided a budget number to the Township in the amount of \$360,000 plus HST, see attached budget and work plan provided by BM Ross outlining the details.

As part of the investigation into proceeding with the EA, Staff have been in contact with both the interested developers and BM Ross. Among the topics were discussion on the most appropriate and fair method of cost recovery for the EA. Through this dialogue it was determined that, at this time, Development Charges are the most equitable way to proceed while at the same time ensuring that the costs of development do not become the burden of the existing residents and water users. It is important to note that the process is not without risk, however the Township can stop the process at any time.

At the previous Council meeting Council agreed that Municipal Water is the appropriate method of servicing for the Salford Settlement Area. Given that the anticipated timeline to complete an EA would be, at minimum, one year it is important that the Township begin the process and proceed with the EA to best meet the current demand for housing in the Township.

OTHERS CONSULTED:

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BM Ross & Associates
Celina Whaling-Rae, Huron County Planner

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by:

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Mark Becker, CAO