



COUNCIL REPORT

From: Brett Pollock, CBO
Date: September 16, 2021
Subject: Salford Settlement Area Municipal
Water System Environmental
Assessment

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support proceeding with the investigation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) 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 as outlined below.

BACKGROUND:

As Council is aware there has been interest expressed by individuals and companies in developing within the Township. An area of particular interest has been the Salford Settlement Area. The Salford Settlement Area is currently serviced by Municipal Water. The water system however is not currently constructed to accommodate future growth.

COMMENT:

Staff have been contacted by numerous individuals and companies about potential development opportunities within the Salford Settlement Area. Recently the conversations have become much more serious resulting in one anticipated application and another which is very serious and is anticipated will quickly result in an application.

Staff alongside our Engineer and Planner have been discussing the best method of servicing the Salford Settlement Area to accommodate future growth. The determination by Staff is that the best path forward is the expansion of the existing Municipal Water system.

The decision to proceed with expanding the Century Heights Municipal Water System is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020). It identifies that, where municipal water services are currently available, these services should be promoted/optimized wherever feasible.

Given the anticipated applications, the first and one of the lengthier steps in the expansion of the water system is to complete an EA. With Councils support to initiate this process, and to begin the investigation into the expansion of the Century Heights Municipal Water System to accommodate future growth. Staff will bring back a report to a future Council meeting outlining the steps, and anticipated costs for the EA process.

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