

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Council Report

Report Number ED2018-002

Date: January 30, 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: All

Subject: Recommended Terms of Reference City of Kawartha Lakes
Drainage Task Force

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Recommendation(s):

That Report ED2018-002, **Recommended Terms of Reference City of Kawartha Lakes Drainage Task Force**, be received; and

That the Terms of Reference for the City of Kawartha Lakes Drainage Task Force in the form attached as Appendix “A” to Report ED2018-002 be approved and adopted by Council.

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

At the Council Meeting of August 22, 2017 Council adopted the following resolution:

CR2017-703

RESOLVED THAT Report ED2017-007, Farm Drainage, be received; and

THAT staff develop a Terms of Reference for Council approval of a Drainage Issues Task Force to review the City's municipal drain program and recommend potential improvements and efficiencies to that program for Council's consideration.

This report addresses that direction.

Rationale:

Staff recommends that Council approve the Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix A to this report.

The resultant Task Force would provide advice and recommendations to Staff on any appropriate amendments to the City's policies, procedures or management directives which pertain to the implementation of maintenance or installation of new drainage works. The Terms of Reference drafted are in keeping with Council's direction on this matter, and compliant with Council policies governing committees.

Staff will bring forward recommendations for appointments to this Task Force at a future Council meeting.

It is recommended that this Task Force provide their resultant recommendations to Staff. Doing so would not prejudice future positions of City Council or appellants at the Ontario Municipal Board, and would allow appointed Task Force members to operate and provide advice without conflict of interest concerns.

Other Alternatives Considered:

During consultation with staff of the Engineering and Corporate Assets Department, and alternative review mechanism was proposed.

Council could choose to direct the Drainage Board to undertake the review as described in the Terms of Reference, including undertaking a public forum for input by stakeholders and make their report to Staff who would bring forward the Board's recommendation in a Staff report to Council.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

This Task Force does not have an allocated budget and all members are volunteers.

Relationship of Recommendation(s) to the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

Establishing and maintaining committees and task forces for stakeholder consultations aligns with Council's strategic priority to provide "Municipal Service Excellence", specifically by providing an open and transparent forum for information exchange and maintaining stakeholder relationships. It also supports the development of a Vibrant and Growing Economy, as improving drainage of farmland improves productivity and economic returns to farmers and other land owners.

Consultations:

Agriculture Development Advisory Board
Supervisor, Technical Services, Engineering and Corporate Assets

Attachments:

Appendix A – Drainage Task Force Terms of Reference



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Appendix B – ED2017-007 Farm Drainage



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