



## Council Report

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<b>Report Number:</b>	<b>ENG2023-007</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 21, 2023
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Short and 2A Municipal Drain – Request for Minor Improvement</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Recommendations from the Drainage Board after receiving a request for minor improvement.
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### Recommendation(s):

**That** Report **ENG2023-007, Short and 2A Municipal Drain – Request for Minor Improvement**, be received;

**That** Council accept the Request for Minor Improvement on the Short and 2A Municipal Drain submitted by Guy Masters, and that the City Clerk proceed with the notice required under Section 78(5) of the Drainage Act; and

**That** pursuant to Section 8(1) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D. 17, staff recommend that Council appoint Michael Gerrits, P. Eng of M. Gerrits Consulting Inc. for the examination of the area and proceed with the requirements of the proposed Minor Improvement project.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

At the Drainage Board Meeting of February 15, 2023, the Drainage Board adopted the following recommendations:

**DB2023-005**

**Moved By** C. Clarke

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Richardson

**That** the Memorandum from the Drainage Superintendent - Engineering and Corporate Assets, dated February 15, 2023, regarding the **Request for a Minor Improvement - Short and 2A Drain (Masters)** be received;

**That** Council accept the Request for Minor Improvement on the Short and 2A Municipal Drain submitted by Guy Masters and the City Clerk to proceed with the notices required under Section 78(5) of the Drainage Act; and

**That** pursuant to Section 8(1) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D. 17, staff recommend that Council appoint a Drainage Engineer for the examination of the area and proceed with the requirements of the proposed Minor Improvement Project.

**Carried**

This report addresses that direction.

## **Rationale:**

The subject area/land is the Short and 2A Drain and located at 823 Peniel Road. Historically, a homemade log crossing existed at this location that in recent years collapsed and was removed from the Drain by the landowner. The intent of this Request for Minor Improvement is to install a bed level crossing at or near the location of the existing crossing to restore access to the land for continued agriculture use.

The property is within the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority jurisdiction as defined under the Ontario Conservation Act and the Short and 2A Drain is a legal municipal Drain under the Drainage Act. On December 7, 2022, City staff met with the landowner and KRCA staff on site to discuss the feasibility of a bed level crossing at this location and the general conclusion was that it would be acceptable but KRCA staff would still need to review and issue a permit for the work.

On January 13, 2023 the City of Kawartha Lakes Clerks Department formally received a Request for Minor Improvement within the subject area (Appendix A).

## **Other Alternatives Considered:**

As the entire cost of a Minor Improvement Project is borne by the requesting landowner and the requested work will have no negative impacts to the Short and 2A Drain, it is recommended that Council proceed with the recommendations herein. If Council chooses to not proceed with this Request for Minor Improvement, the landowner could Petition for Drainage or Petition for a Major Improvement, both of these options would have a higher overall project cost and those costs would be assessed to both the City and other landowners on the Short and 2A Drain. Council does hold the authority to alter any recommendations made by the Drainage Board prior to adoption.

## **Alignment to Strategic Priorities:**

The Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan identifies the following two priorities that bolster support for an active and effective Drainage Program in the City of Kawartha Lakes:

- Protect and support agricultural land and businesses
- Offer business development programs to support the agricultural, tourism, cultural, manufacturing and innovation sectors

## **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

Minor Improvement Projects proposed under Section 78(5) of the Drainage Act have full project cost assessed to the Requesting Landowner only. There are no financial impacts to the City or other landowners assessed to the Short and 2A Municipal Drain.

## **Consultations:**

Deputy City Clerk

Manager of Technical Services

## **Attachments:**

Appendix A - Minutes of the February 15, 2023 Drainage Board Meeting



Appendix A -  
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Appendix B - Memo to Drainage Board for Masters Minor Improvement



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