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Memorandum

Date: February 15, 2023
To: Drainage Board
From: Richard Monaghan, Drainage Superintendent – Engineering & Corporate Assets
Re: Request for Minor Improvement - Short and 2A Drain
CC: Juan Rojas, Director of Engineering and Corporate Assets
Mike Farquhar, Manager of Technical Services

Recommendation:

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** 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.

Background:

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).

Alternatives:

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 the Drainage Board proceed with the recommendations herein. If the Drainage Board chose 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.

Attachments:

Appendix A – Request for Minor Improvement

Appendix B – Map of Proposed Crossing Location



Appendix A -
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