



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL ACTION ITEM

Committee: Regular Council

Date: January 27, 2025

Department: Operations

Topic: Dewitt Ritcher Municipal Drain Report

Purpose: To seek approval to proceed with maintenance work on the Dewitt Ritcher municipal drain under section 74 of the Drainage Act.

Background: Once a municipal drain has been constructed under the authority of a by-law, it becomes part of that municipality's infrastructure. The municipality, through its drainage superintendent, is responsible for repairing and maintaining the municipal drain on behalf of the community of landowners included in the catchment area of the drain.

The drainage superintendent makes recommendations on required repair and maintenance or future maintenance after completing an inspection of the drain, either through periodic inspection or after a request of a benefitting owner.

See attached inspection report and draft notice to benefitting owners.

Policy Implications: The Drainage Act requires the Township to be responsible for repairing and maintaining the municipal drain, through its appointed drainage superintendent, on behalf of the community of landowners involved in the drain.

Strategic Plan Implications: This work aligns under the infrastructure pillar, more specifically objective 4.8 ensuring adequate drainage for township infrastructure and includes performing drainage assessments.

Financial Considerations: Any work performed on the municipal drain under section 74 or 79 of the Drainage Act would be billed out to the benefitting owners based on the assessment schedule. A draft assessment schedule has been prepared based on the estimated total project cost of \$22,487.00. Some properties would be eligible to receive a 1/3 grant through the agricultural drainage infrastructure program (ADIP) equaling \$4,709.81 bringing the total net cost billed to \$17,777.19.

The township cost portion of the work would be \$2007.26. The amount takes into consideration estimates under \$50.00 being covered through general taxation (\$336.66).

Note: We will not know the total project cost until the work is tendered, awarded and completed. This is just an estimate to provide advanced notice to benefitting owners of potential dollar amounts.

Recommendation: That Council approve proceeding with maintenance work on the Dewitt Ritcher municipal drain as recommended by the drainage superintendent.



Director of Operations