



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL ACTION ITEM

Committee: Public Works, Environmental Services & Facilities

Date: May 17, 2021

Department: Operations

Topic: Crowder Road Unopen Road Allowance Culvert

Background: A 500mm culvert located approximately 157m north of Crowder Rd. under the Township's Unopen Road Allowance, (URA), was inspected by the Township's Drainage Superintendent whom determined that the culvert is in poor condition and needs to be replaced this year. The Drainage Engineer was consulted and is of the opinion that the culvert should be upgraded from 500mm to 1000mm as it forms the inlet of the Dewitt-Richter municipal drain.


J.F. Dobbie and Sons utilize the URA, at their own risk, to gain access to one of their crop fields. J.F. Dobbie and Sons have requested that the culvert replacement be extended from the current 16ft, (5m), to 29ft, (9m) to allow them better access to their fields. J.F. Dobbie and Sons will cover all associated material and installation costs for the extension. The Township will undertake the replacement and invoice J.F. Dobbie and Sons for the additional expenses.

A signed copy of the letter of agreement is attached for Council's consideration

Policy Implications: Section 26 of The Drainage Act, RSO 1990 provides that the road authority or public utility shall be assessed for any increase in the cost of drainage work caused by their existence. As a result, the actual increased cost incurred because of the need to cross a road, railway, pipeline, for example, should be charged to the affected road authority or public utility.

Financial Considerations: The replacement of 16ft of the 1000mm culvert has been budgeted this year. The cost to install the additional 13ft, (4m), of culvert will be the responsibility of J.F. Dobbie and Sons as indicated in the letter of agreement.

Recommendation: That Committee recommends that Council review the agreement and authorize the Director of Operations to enter into the agreement with J.F. Dobbie and Sons.


Director of Operations


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