

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council

PREPARED BY: Richard Al, Clerk / Manager of IT

DATE: 19/03/2018

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Improvement – Scott Municipal Drain

ATTACHMENTS: Signed Petitions, Overview Map

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the Notice of Request for Drain Improvement for the Scott Municipal Drain, as described in the request submitted by Melanie Pletch and Eric and Marion Hussey, under Section 78(1) of the Drainage Act;

AND FURTHER, that Council supports proceeding with the drainage works and instructs the Clerk to send the notice required under Section 78(2) of the Drainage Act to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, OMAFRA and parties who requested the improvement under Section 78(1) of Council's actions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Two petitions have been received under Section 78 of the Drainage Act and as such, Council must render a decision regarding the course of action to take.

DISCUSSION

Section 78 of the Drainage Act reads:

78(1) If a drainage works has been constructed under a by-law passed under this Act or any predecessor of this Act, and the council of the municipality that is responsible for maintaining and repairing the drainage works considers it appropriate to undertake one or more of the projects listed in subsection (1.1) for the better use, maintenance or repair of the drainage works or of lands or roads, the municipality may undertake and complete the project in accordance with the report of an engineer appointed by it and without the petition required by section 4.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Costs associated with drainage works are billed according to the Engineer's assessment schedule. Through an initial meeting with MVCA, it was communicated that a grant has been received from Bruce Power which may cover a significant portion of the cost of this drainage works.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Should Council decide to accept the petitions, notice would be sent as per Section 78(2) of the Drainage Act. After the 30 day notice period an engineer, as recommended by the Drainage Superintendent, would need to be appointed, in accordance with the Drainage Act.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #5 – Our natural environment is valued and protected.

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