



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

Report No.
PW-2024-04

REPORT TO: Reeve Heffer and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Gregg Furtney, Director of Public Works and Facilities
DATE: 05/02/2024
SUBJECT: PW-2024-04 Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Services Agreement with Sepoy Wiring Ltd.
ATTACHMENTS: Water and Sanitary Sewer Servicing Agreement – Sepoy Wiring

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the Director of Public Works and Facilities, dated February 5, 2024, regarding the Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Services Agreement with Sepoy Wiring Ltd., for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council adopts By-law No. 07-2024; being a by-law to authorize the signing of a Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Services Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Huron and Sepoy Wiring Ltd., as it applies to Turnberry Plan 410 Pt Park Lot 32 RP 22R5900 Parts 2 to 4, Turnberry Ward, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry (249 Arthur Street), at the February 5, 2024 meeting.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's authorization to enter into a Cross Border Water and Sanitary Servicing Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Huron and Sepoy Wiring Ltd. for water and sanitary sewer servicing to a property outside of the municipal boundaries of the Township of North Huron.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the November 6, 2023 meeting, Council passed the following motion:

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MOVED BY: R. McBurney

SECONDED BY: K. Falconer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby authorizes staff to proceed with implementation of the Cross Border Servicing Agreement for individual property owners as prepared by the Township's Solicitor and as discussed in closed session.

CARRIED

With the assistance of the Township's solicitor, a Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Servicing Agreement for individual property owners was developed. In addition to developing a Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Servicing Agreement for individual property owners, the Township's solicitor has been assisting with developing a Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Connection Policy. When it is ready, the draft policy will be presented at a future meeting for Council's consideration. The Connection Policy will establish the criteria and requirements for individual

property owners located outside of North Huron's boundaries to connect to North Huron's Water and Sanitary System.

In December, 2023, the Township received a servicing request from the property owner of 249 Arthur Street, RR#2 Wingham. The property is located outside of the municipal boundaries of the Township of North Huron and within the industrial lands of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry. The property owner has requested permission to gain connection to the local water and sanitary services for a commercial build occurring in 2024.

Historically, North Huron has provided water and sanitary services to properties outside of its municipal boundaries through an agreement with neighbouring municipalities. The agreement attached to By-law No. 07-2024 for Sepoy Wiring Ltd. is a tailored version of the Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Services Agreement developed in consultation with the Township's solicitor. By authorizing the signing of this agreement, North Huron will be supporting regional economic development.

DISCUSSION:

In the absence of an approved Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Servicing Connection Policy, it is necessary for all individual serving requests and agreements to be considered and approved by Council. The new Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Servicing Connection Policy may, if Council approves, delegate certain authorities and processes to staff.

As Council is aware, Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer connection fees have been included and established in the 2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw. The proprietor of Sepoy Wiring has reviewed the Servicing Agreement and is prepared to pay the appropriate Water and Sewer Connection Fees as well as the required \$5,000 Security Deposit. The Security Deposit will be returned once the work is complete. Sepoy Wiring will have a water and sanitary sewer account and water meter with the Township of North Huron and they will be invoiced monthly.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact associated with this report. The property owner accepts financial responsibility for the installation and maintenance of the infrastructure to provide the services.

FUTURE/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Staff will be presenting a draft Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Servicing Connection Policy to Council at a future meeting for review, consideration, and approval.

OTHERS CONSULTED:

Dwayne Evans, Chief Administrative Officer
Carson Lamb, Director of Legislative Services/ Clerk
Chris Townes, Director of Finance/ Treasurer
Olivia Kempel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator
Jenna McDonald, Public Works Administrative Assistant
Township Solicitor

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal #4 – Our goal is to be a municipality with well-maintained and thoughtfully planned infrastructure.



Gregg Furtney, Director of Public Works
and Facilities



Dwayne Evans, CAO