

**To:** COUNCIL

**Meeting Date:** 9/12/2023

**Subject:** **Blenheim Road Local Improvement - Sanitary Servicing Extension Addendum**

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**Report No.:** 23-312-CD

**File No.:** A/00514-30

**Wards Affected:** Ward 5

### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

THAT Report 23-312-CD Blenheim Road Local Improvement - Sanitary Servicing Extension Addendum be received;

AND THAT Report 23-274-CD Blenheim Road Local Improvement - Sanitary Servicing Extension included as Appendix B be received;

AND THAT Council direct staff to notify impacted property owners of the City's intention to proceed with Local Improvement Charges Option 4 for the extension of municipal sanitary sewer on Blenheim Road in accordance with the Ontario Regulation 586/06;

AND FURTHER THAT the By-law included as Appendix A to Addendum Report 23-312-CD to amend the Mandatory Connection By-law be approved.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

#### **Purpose**

- An addendum to report 23-274-CD is being provided to Council to outline an additional option for consideration based on feedback from the August 15, 2023, Council meeting.

#### **Key Findings**

- An alternative Option 4 is provided for consideration, which allows for an extension of time for 148 Blenheim Road to connect to City sanitary services (40 years or when septic system failure occurs, whichever comes first).

- Under this option, no sanitary lateral will be installed to 148 Blenheim Road and no portion of the sanitary costs would be assigned to the property.
- The owners of 148 Blenheim Road would be required to cover the costs of connection to the sanitary at time of septic system failure, or within 40 years whichever occurs first.

### **Financial Implications**

- The estimated cost of sanitary sewer extension on Blenheim Road is \$300,000, part of the complete Blenheim Road Reconstruction project with an estimated cost of \$3,440,000.
- Option 4 would recover an estimated \$149,450 through local improvement charges paid by benefiting property owners. The remaining estimated \$150,550 of funding would be required from the City's Capital Works reserve fund.

### **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:**

- ☐ Strategic Action; or  
☒ Core Service

**Objective(s):** Not Applicable

**Strategic Action:** Not Applicable

**Program:** Wastewater

**Core Service:** Wastewater Network Maintenance

### **BACKGROUND:**

An additional Option 4 is being provided, to augment options provided as part of Report 23-274-CD. Option 4 is in response to concerns highlighted by the owners of 148 Blenheim Road, who installed a new septic system in early 2023.

### **ANALYSIS:**

**Option 4: 30m frontage threshold, with no sanitary lateral installation or assessed charges to 148 Blenheim Road:** This option applies the estimated \$852/m of frontage cost up to a maximum frontage threshold of 30m. The maximum local improvement charge assessed under this option is estimated at \$25,559. A sanitary lateral will not be installed to 148 Blenheim Road, and the costs assessed to 148 Blenheim Road will be

borne by the City. This option provides 50% cost recovery of the sanitary sewer extension from local improvement charges.

Under Option 4 an extension of time to connect to City services will be provided to 148 Blenheim Road. Connection to City services will be required within a period of up to 40 years from septic system installation or at the time of septic system failure, whichever occurs first.

### **EXISTING POLICY / BY-LAW(S):**

In addition to the By-law amendment considerations outlined in Report 23-274-CD Option 4 includes additional amendments to the City's Mandatory Connection By-law 6-13, attached as Appendix A. Under the proposed amendment, 148 Blenheim Road will be required to connect within a period of up to 40 years from septic system installation or at the time of septic system failure, whichever occurs first.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Option 4 includes the 30m frontage threshold, with the charges assessed to 148 Blenheim Road being borne by the City. Option 4 would recover an estimated \$149,450 through local improvement charges paid by benefiting property owners. The remaining estimated \$150,550 of funding would be required from the City's Capital Works Reserve Fund.

### **PUBLIC VALUE:**

As provided in Report 23-274-CD

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE INPUT:**

Not Applicable

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

In addition to the public input outlined under Report 23-274-CD, additional discussions were held with the owners of 148 Blenheim Road over their concerns.

### **INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:**

Engineering staff have consulted with the City's Finance, Clerks and Legal divisions in consideration of Local Improvement Charges on Blenheim Road for the municipal sanitary sewer extension.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The City will be proceeding with the reconstruction of Blenheim Road (Devils Creek to Mount view Cemetery) in 2024, subject to budget approval. A sanitary sewer extension

is being proposed as part of the project scope of work with partial funding through Local Improvement Charges. An alternative Option 4 has been provided to address the concerns outlined by the owners of 148 Blenheim Road.

**REPORT IMPACTS:**

Agreement: **No**

By-law: **Yes**

Budget Amendment: **Yes**

Policy: **No**

**APPROVALS:**

**This report has gone through the appropriate workflow and has been reviewed and or approved by the following as required:**

**Director**

**Deputy City Manager**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**City Solicitor**

**City Manager**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 23-312-CD Appendix A – Draft Mandatory Connection By-law 6-13 Amendment
2. 23-312-CD Appendix B - Report 23-274-CD Blenheim Road Local Improvement - Sanitary Servicing Extension