



Conrich Area Servicing – Request for Extension

Electoral Division: 6

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REPORT SUMMARY

On June 20, 2023, the Council approved the first reading of Bylaw C-8420-2023, outlining the terms of the local improvement plan for the installation of new infrastructure, water and wastewater at Meadow Ridge Road in the Conrich Estates subdivision. A petition against the local improvement was attempted, and although it did not meet the criteria set out in legislation, the petition and numerous messages from the community indicate that many residents in the area are concerned about the affordability of the improvements.

On May 14, 2024, the Council directed the Administration to explore an expansion of the service area and alternatives that include adjacent developments and future planning policy areas. The motion directed Administration to return to Council with recommendations before the end of Q3 2024.

Due to the complex nature and numerous servicing options for the area, Administration is requesting Council's consideration for an extension of this motion for Administration to provide the report before the end of Q4 2024.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves a time extension to Q4 of 2024 for Administration to provide a report to Council on options for expanding water and wastewater services in the Conrich area.

BACKGROUND

On March 30th, 2023, a group of property owners on Meadow Ridge Road in the Conrich Estates subdivision submitted a petition requesting that Council proceed with the installation of new infrastructure, water and wastewater to a total of 16 residents.

On May 9th, 2023, Council received a declaration of Sufficient Petition for information. On June 20th, 2023, Council approved first reading of Borrowing Bylaw C-8420-2023 outlining the terms of the local improvement plan and directed Administration to send the local improvement plan to all affected landowners. As a result of the local improvement plan and updated cost estimates, both Council and Administration received numerous emails from residents included in the local improvement area raising concerns about project costs.

On May 14th, 2024, Council directed Administration to explore alternative options to extend water and wastewater services in the expanded Conrich area, to try to redistribute and lessen direct costs to residents in the Meadow Ridge area.



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ANALYSIS

The Conrich community consists of both urban, fully serviced development, and rural acreages or agricultural properties serviced by individual wells and septic systems. The extension of municipal water and sanitary servicing normally coincides with development, where densities can support the cost of urban servicing.

Administration is exploring opportunities to leverage local development planning, regional servicing plans, and offsite levy funded assets into a feasible service plan for the Conrich Area. Due to the complexities and varied options for servicing a large area with considerations for both rural and urban development, and existing and future development, the process is taking more time than originally anticipated. As such, an extension is being requested to allow for the servicing options and cost estimates to be further detailed and refined. Administration will present these final options for Council’s consideration.

COMMUNICATIONS / ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Key Performance Indicators		Strategic Alignment
Effective Service Delivery	SD2: Services are resourced and delivered to specific groups as intended, and citizens are satisfied with the outcomes	SD2.1: Percent of citizens satisfied with the range of County services available/delivered
		Meadow Ridge residents await the County’s proposal for attainable servicing.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

Administration does not have an alternate direction for Council's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable.

APPROVALS

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