

Meeting Date: March 3, 2025
Department: Engineering and Public Works
Report No.: EPW-2025-12
Prepared by: Steve Morriss, Drainage Superintendent
Submitted by: Mark Ortiz, Director, Engineering and Public Works
Approved by: Rob Browning, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Fourth Concession Drain 2025 – Court of Revision**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Report EPW 2025-12 “Fourth Concession Drain 2025 – Court of Revision” be received for information, and further;

THAT: Subject to any appeals, provisional By-law No. 09-25 be referred to the Consideration of By-laws section of the agenda for third and final reading.

BACKGROUND:

A Request for Major Drain Improvement was received by the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc on May 2, 2024. Council accepted the request on June 3, 2024 and appointed Spriet Associates Ltd. to prepare the engineer’s report.

The required on-site meeting was held on July 9, 2024 with the affected landowners. Following the meeting, an assessed landowner in the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex expressed their need for a municipal drain branch and wanted to add their lands to the Strathroy-Caradoc improvement project. This prompted a Petition for New Drainage Works to the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Council, who accepted the petition and appointed Spriet Associates Ltd. to the existing Request for Major Drain Improvement appointment in the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc.

The engineer conducted investigations of the existing drain conditions on September 17 and October 4, 2024 with further data collected on November 19, 2024. The results determined that the existing tile portions of the drain are considerably undersized by today’s standards but the main drain appears to be in working condition. Investigations further determined that the existing Branch A is functioning adequately but there were several indications of frequent flooding in many low-lying areas of the watershed.

On December 12, 2024 the municipality held an informal public meeting to present the preliminary design and cost distribution prepared by the engineers. Further input by the affected landowners was provided at that time and during later exchanges.

On February 3, 2025, Council held the statutory meeting to consider the final engineer's report, [EPW-2025-06](#), and to adopt the report by by-law where the first and second reading was given for provisional By-law #09-25.

COMMENTS:

The purpose of the Court of Revision meeting is to provide landowners an opportunity to appeal their assessment under Section 46 of the Drainage Act. Assessed owners are requested to provide their appeal in writing a minimum of ten days prior to the meeting so that the Engineer can review and provide comment at the court. At this time, no appeals have been submitted.

CONSULTATION:

This report was reviewed in consultation with:

- Manager of Public Works
- Director of IT/Finance - Treasurer

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$342,400, to be recovered by affected land owners as outlined in Schedule 'C' of the attached Engineer's Report.
- Total cost to be assessed to Strathroy-Caradoc for its road portion is estimated to be \$50,629.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

- Local Infrastructure and Capital Investment: Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc are supported by reliable, financially responsible, and well-maintained infrastructure networks.

ATTACHMENTS:

Spriet Associates Ltd. Report on the Fourth Concession Drain 2025
Provisional By-Law 09-25 – Fourth Concession Drain 2025