



Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Geoff Aitken, CET, Director, Infrastructure and Public Works
Meeting Date: October 15, 2024
Subject: IPW-2024-36 – Access Agreement – Well – Durham Waterworks

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of staff report 'IPW-2024-36 – Access Agreement – Well – Durham Waterworks', council authorizes the mayor and clerk to sign all necessary documents to enter into an Access Agreement with the Corporation of the County of Grey with respect to the location of the new municipal well for the Durham Waterworks.

Highlights:

- A 2024 capital project for the Durham Waterworks is the construction of a new drilled well and pump tests.
- West Grey has issued and awarded a contract to a licensed well driller.
- The new well is proposed to be on lands currently owned by the County that will be transferred from the County to West Grey.
- In the meantime, an Access Agreement is required between the County and West Grey for the project to move forward in 2024.

Previous Report/Authority:

None.

Analysis:

As part of the 2024 public works capital program, the primary project for the Durham Waterworks is the drilling and pump testing of a new municipal well. A tender has been issued and awarded with work scheduled to commence the week of October 15, 2024, on lands current owned by the County.

Time is of the essence as the new well is in proximity to the new Rockwood Terrace Long Term Care facility (LTC); and the LTC general contractor is scheduled to be working in the area of the new well in the spring of 2025. Therefore, there is an

opportunity to drill the well this fall and complete the pump tests while not interfering with the LTC project; or the LTC project interfering with the well contractor. If the project does not proceed this fall, it could conceivably be 2026 before there would be access to the proposed area of the new well.

There is sufficient time before winter operations to drill the well and pump test it before freezing conditions set in. As a solution, the County has agreed to enter into an access agreement with West Grey to allow West Grey's contractor to access the site, drill the well on County lands, and complete the pump tests with the discharge entering a storm sewer constructed for the LTC project, but not in service at the time of writing this report. Failure to enter into this agreement would prolong the time frame to drill and pump test the well which would have a negative impact on future development in Durham.

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

The tender for the drilling of the well and the pump tests came in under budget.

Communication Plan:

Communication of this report is through the posting of council meeting agendas on the West Grey website.

Consultation:

County of Grey

Director, Legislative Services/Clerk

GSS Engineering

Attachments:

Access Agreement

Recommended by:

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