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**Re: Oil Mill Creek Municipal Drain - Update**

This notification is a follow up to the previous Notice dated July 24, 2024, which provided information for a meeting that was held on September 3, 2024. That meeting is referred to as the Meeting to Consider, where City Council had the opportunity to listen to a presentation from the Engineer regarding the Oil Mill Creek Municipal Drain Report. Council further had the opportunity to listen to the concerns of the assessed landowners through the Engineer's report.

The record meeting is available on Youtube and is entitled 'Port Colborne Meeting to Consider – Oil Mill Creek Municipal Drain – September 3, 2024' should you wish to watch the meeting.

At the meeting, Council had three options:

- Adopt the Report and give the Provisional By-law two readings as required by legislation, which then allows for the appeal process to begin as prescribed by the Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990
- Reject the Report
- Redirect/refer the Report back to the Engineer to make changes related to errors, omissions, design or scope of work.

**The decision of Council was to refer the report back to the Engineer.**

The motion from Council was to *refer the Oil Mill Creek Engineer's Report dated June 20, 2024, back to the Engineer to consider redesign and to reduce the scope of work based on those needs that only need to be done to bring the current Report up to date.* Council also specifically mentioned that the proposed wetland in Centennial Park be removed to reduce the scope of work. Council also directed staff to contact all assessed landowners to gauge interest in those who would be willing to donate their land for smaller wetland/retention features that would offset the removal of the wetland from the park.

Residents who are interested in offering a portion of their land for wetland/retention features are to contact the undersigned by **October 2, 2024**. To ensure the parcels are suitable, they will be screened and assessed for compliance and feasibility by Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and the Niagara Region, along with City staff.

A copy of the Engineer's Report, as well as a copy of the Engineer's Watershed Hydrology and Hydraulics report, are both available for your review. Please review the report and associated assessments at <https://www.portcolborne.ca/municipaldrains>.

Scroll down to the Additional Resources 'Engineer's Reports' section to find the 'Oil Mill Creek Drain Report – June 20, 2024'. The assessment tables begin on page 49 of the pdf.

Scroll down to the Addition Resources 'Supporting Documents' section to review the Watershed Hydrology and Hydraulics report.

Once a revised report has been issued by the Engineer, another meeting notice for a second Meeting to Consider will be mailed to all assessed landowners within the report.

If you have questions regarding the drainage report, please contact the Drainage Superintendent, Alana Vander Veen at 905-228-8127 or at [Alana.VanderVeen@portcolborne.ca](mailto:Alana.VanderVeen@portcolborne.ca).

**If you are unable to review the report on the website**, a copy of the report can be provided to you on a thumb drive or in hard copy. Additionally, a viewing copy of the report can also be found at City Hall in the Clerks office, and at the Port Colborne Library.

Sincerely,



Alana Vander Veen  
Drainage Superintendent

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