



Memorandum

To: Mayor Steele and Members of Council
From: Steve Shypowskyj, Manager of Projects & Design
Date: March 22, 2021
Re: Storm Sewer Budget

This memorandum is meant to provide supplementary information to Report 2021-84: 2021 Rates Setting. During the March 11, 2021 Committee of a Whole-Budget meeting, Corporate Services and Public Works presented three options for implementing Storm Water and Municipal Drain Rates in 2021.

Option 3 was recommended which outlined the following:

All properties within the Urban Storm Drainage Boundary be charged only the Storm Sewer System rate charge. Any Municipal Drainage works conducted within the boundary will be paid for through Storm Sewer System funds.

There is only one rate for property owners within the Boundary and staff only maintain one rate system.

The property owners receive regular invoices and as the Storm Sewer System or Municipal Drains are repaired, they are paid for through the previous or future collected funds.

The Storm Sewer System rate will remain proportional to the existing structure and all infrastructure in the Urban Storm Drainage Boundary area is considered one drainage system.

In order to provide this supplementary information, staff have created the attached map which outlines the Urban Storm Drainage Boundary, Urban Area, and the areas which contribute to a municipal drain within the Urban Storm Drainage Boundary.

In 2015 a storm sewer infrastructure needs study was completed which identified 22 drainage areas based on the existing storm sewer network and was generally defined by the ground surface topography. The overall Urban Storm Drainage Boundary was created based on the storm drainage areas developed by the City and further revised by the Engineer. This is the boundary that is currently presented to Council to be used in setting the Storm Sewer System rate charge.

The map also provides the approximate drainage areas of the municipal drains in the Urban Storm Drainage Boundary. The overall extent of the drainage areas shown is not exact and is based on existing drawings and staff knowledge. These areas will be refined when they progress through a drainage engineers report but at this time, they provide a general overview of the areas that contribute to a municipal drain within the Urban Storm Drainage Boundary.

Upon approval of Option 3, staff would accept applications from property owners to dispute an inclusion or exclusion of a property from the Urban Storm Drainage Boundary. Staff would then investigate the dispute and update the mapping and billings accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration,

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