



Location:	Tom Davies Square
Commencement:	5:05 PM
Adjournment:	7:15 PM

## Minutes

**For the Hearing Committee Meeting held  
Wednesday, October 3, 2012**

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### **COUNCILLOR JOE CIMINO, CHAIR**

#### Present

Councillors Barbeau; Rivest; Caldarelli; Kett

#### Staff

Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; Eric Labelle, Acting City Solicitor; Paul Baskcomb, Director of Planning Services; David Shelsted, Director of Roads and Transportation Services; Eric Taylor, Manager of Development Approvals; Robert Webb, Supervisor of Development Approvals; Ron Norton, Drainage Engineer, Mauro Manzon, Senior Planner; Lisa Oldridge, Deputy Clerk; Liz Collin, Committee Assistant

#### Guest

Kenn Smart, K. Smart Associates Limited

#### Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

## Public Hearings

1. **The Hearing Committee meeting was adjourned and the Public Hearing was opened to deal with the following application.**

Report dated September 20, 2012 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding the Paquette Whitson Municipal Drain.

Letter of concern dated October 2, 2012 from Tim and Brenda Young, area residents, was distributed at the meeting.

The Drainage Engineer delivered an electronic presentation outlining the report to the Committee. He reviewed the history of the Whitson River and flooding; Tributary 8A, the main tributary to the Whitson River; the Paquette-Whitson Municipal Drain project; and the project cost shares.

Kenn Smart, K. Smart Associates Limited, explained the technical aspects of the report. He stated there are three components to both the Paquette and Whitson drain projects: the storm water pond; the connection to the Paquette pond; and the inflow culvert system. He informed a 200 metre length of the river is to be relocated and reconstructed as a natural channel and the Whitson Lake dam component will be constructed through an agreement with Vale. The goals of the project are to reduce the flows of water and the water levels.

The Drainage Engineer informed the project is expected to take two years to complete and all

properties existing and planned are included in the design and will be required to contribute to the cost of the project.

With consensus of the Committee, Councillor Caldarelli requested a verbal report from the City Treasurer regarding clarification of the financial charges at the next City Council meeting.

Kristi Arnold and Ron Arnold, Dalron Construction Limited, requested clarification regarding the portion of the Saddle Creek development that is not included in the Official Plan but is included in the assessment.

The Drainage Engineer stated the Saddle Creek development is included in the southerly portion of the design has not been assessed and should it become part of the Official Plan, the same conditions will apply to the property and would be included in the cost share at a rate of \$2,500 per lot. He stated discussions have been held with Dalron Construction Limited regarding the portions of their property required for the drain.

Ms. Arnold agreed discussions have been held and she requested a deferral to continue to discuss the outstanding issues. She asked if the pond had to be completed before the development begins.

The Drainage Engineer stated he believed the funds have been made available through Council approval to begin the project.

Erica Chlustika, area resident, informed she is a property owner adjacent to the drainage channel and her property has not suffered any flooding problems in the past. She is concerned about potential flooding issues from the development and the cost of her share of the project. She is concerned about the future maintenance of the drains as she believes the former canal on the Lafreniere property failed as it had not been maintained.

The Drainage Engineer informed all existing property will not be charged or invoiced for the project. He stated there is historical evidence of past flooding in the area and the purpose of the drains is to protect the community should a major storm event occur. He stated a walkway will be built to and around the ponds and the surrounding area will be esthetically pleasing. He stated the City had no jurisdiction on the existing properties to maintain the drains as they were built on private lands.

Monique Laforge, area resident, stated concern regarding the age and condition of the bridge above the Whitson River.

The Director of Roads and Transportation stated a review of all bridge structures was recently completed and there were no structural issues found with this bridge.

The Drainage Engineer informed all the proposed work and future plans will significantly reduce the volumes of water flowing in the river and under the bridges, through the community.

Mark Lafreniere, area resident, stated the drain will cut his property in half and he is concerned about access to the rear portion of his property. He inquired if the drain could be relocated to the rear of his property.

The Drainage Engineer stated the drain is proposed on the east side of the property and there will be a 10 metre space from the edge of the bank to the property that will allow access to the rear of his property. He informed the existing watercourse serves the outlet for Saddle Creek and the MacMillan Drive subdivision to this location. The drain would have to be turned west to access the existing outlets if it was built along the rear of the property.

The Chair asked whether there was anyone else in the audience who wished to speak in favour or against this application and seeing none:

**The Public Hearing concerning this matter was closed and the Planning Committee resumed in order to discuss and vote on the application.**

The following recommendation was presented:

HC2012-05 Barbeau/Kett: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve the Engineer's report dated February 8, 2012 from K. Smart Associates Limited for the Paquette-Whitson Municipal Drain and give First and Second reading to a draft By-Law to provide for the Paquette-Whitson Municipal Drainage Works in the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND THAT the City cost share of the project be funded in the amount of \$3,500,000 as previously approved in the 2010 to 2016 Capital Budgets; from the Stormwater Reserve Fund in the amount of

\$119,000 and from the Municipal Drains Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,512,385, all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated September 20, 2012.

**YEAS: Councillors Barbeau, Rivest, Caldarelli, Kett, Cimino**

**CARRIED**

2 . **The Hearing Committee meeting was adjourned and the Public Hearing was opened to deal with the following application.**

Report dated September 20, 2012 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding the Horizon Municipal Drain.

The Drainage Engineer delivered an electronic presentation outlining the report to the Committee. He reviewed the history of the Whitson River and flooding, the 2005 Horizon Drain, the 2011 Horizon Drain and the estimated project costs.

Kenn Smart, K. Smart Associates Limited, explained the technical aspects of the report. He described the 2005 Horizon Drain report and stated the area of Belisle Drive has two branches to the drain and a storm water management plan. He stated the 2011 Horizon Drain plan starts between Belisle Drive and Fifth Street and flows along to the property owned by Dalron Construction Limited. The report proposed a 3.6 hectare pond on City property, with the channel built on Dalron Construction Limited property and is to be maintained by the City.

Michelle Noiseux, area resident, requested information regarding the impact on the property assessment this project will have on current and future property owners and the effect that trees and vegetation will have on the drains.

The Drainage Engineer stated there is no cost or change to assessments to any existing properties. He informed the trees and vegetation that exists or will be planted along the slopes of the drain channels does not affect the flow.

Kristi Arnold, Dalron Construction Limited, stated when Dalron Construction Limited purchased the property there was a registered plan of subdivision, showing a portion of land which had been transferred to the City as parkland. As this land is no longer the proposed location for the drainage pond, she requested the property be given to Dalron Construction Limited for development.

The Drainage Engineer stated the City had considered the park land for use in the 2005 Horizon Drainage plan.

The Chair asked whether there was anyone else in the audience who wished to speak in favour or against this application and seeing none:

**The Public Hearing concerning this matter was closed and the Planning Committee resumed in order to discuss and vote on the application.**

The following recommendation was presented:

HC2012-06 Kett/Barbeau: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve the Engineer's report dated February 8, 2012 from K. Smart Associates Limited for the Horizon 2011 Municipal Drain and give First and Second reading to a draft By-Law to provide for the Horizon 2011 Municipal Drainage Works in the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND THAT the City cost share of the project in the amount of \$475,550 be funded from the 2012 Capital Budget for the drainage works all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated September 20, 2012.

**YEAS: Councillors Barbeau, Rivest, Caldarelli, Kett, Cimino**

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment:** Barbeau/Rivest: That we do now adjourn. Time: 7:15 p.m.

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Councillor Joe Cimino, Chair

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Lisa Oldridge, Deputy City Clerk