



Date: July 8, 2024

To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Cottam Sideroad Branch of the 7th Concession Drain –
Improvements for MTO Highway Widening Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Report provided by Dillon Consulting, dated June 10, 2024, on the Cottam Sideroad Branch of the 7th Concession Drain for improvements on the drain for the MTO Highway Widening Project, under a Report of an Engineer pursuant to Section 78 of the Drainage Act **BE ADOPTED**.

BACKGROUND

On July 10, 2023, staff received a request from the Ministry of Transportation to request drain improvements for the Highway 3 Widening Project.

DISCUSSION

The Engineer has provided his report and notes the following. Proposed to replace and relocate the Hwy 3 culvert and to extend drain upstream to new South Talbot Road, relocate a farm access, replacement of County Road 27 culvert that interconnects the Cottam Sideroad Drain to the 8th Concession Drain and finally a cleanout of the Cottam Sideroad Drain downstream of Highway 3 to the 7th Concession Drain to facilitate depth required for the upstream drain extension.

Landowners within the watershed have been invited and have received a copy of the Engineer's report. The upstream watershed for the drain has changed and therefore a new future maintenance schedule has been prepared for the drain to supersede the 1968 report for the Cottam Sideroad Branch of the 7th Concession Drain.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Some landowners receive allowances for land and damages.

Assessment of costs 100% to MTO. The total cost of project is \$1,669,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Report sent to ERCA for review and comments. A permit application and fee may be required.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans self screening report completed.

CONSULTATIONS

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