

Report to Council

Date: 4/28/2025
From: Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Clerk
Re: Update Report - Allocation of Uncommitted Reserve Capacity

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the update report regarding the recommendation action items from Committee of the Whole for the allocation of uncommitted reserve capacity of the sewage treatment plant.

BACKGROUND

At the April 14th Committee of the Whole Meeting, the following motion was passed:

Moved by: Mayor Cameron

Seconded by: Councillor Maitland

THAT Committee of the Whole direct staff to bring the Planning Report received for information on February 24th to the April 28th Regular Council Meeting and recommend that Council proceed with the option of the phased-in approach to allocate 40 connections to McLean's Landing Phase II;

AND FURTHER THAT staff reports are provided at the April 28th Regular Council Meeting on the consequences of exceeding 80% capacity without a Servicing Master Plan in place, a report from an authority on selecting one developer over others and removing capacity that has been previously allocated based on the inactivity of the proponent, and a report on the impact of the certificate of operation by removing the northside.

Carried (3-2 Recorded Vote)

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Maitland – Yes

Mayor Cameron – Yes

Councillor Ireland – Yes

Councillor Gural – No

Deputy Mayor Barr – No

ANALYSIS

The Village's Engineer has reached out to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), stating that the Village requests MECP confirmation that the north side residential units can be excluded from being considered as committed capacity under the '*D-5-1 Calculating and Reporting Uncommitted Reserve*' for the Village's sewage treatment plant. Along with this, MECP was also provided with the funding application documents that were submitted as part of the plant replacement application under the Build Canada Fund in 2009, which included the north side in the calculations for the plant capacity as a subsequent phase of work. There was no funding applied for or received for the connection of the north side residents. Staff are waiting to receive a response to this from MECP.

Staff have provided the motion to the Village's Solicitor as well regarding a legal opinion on selecting one developer over others and removing capacity that has been previously allocated based on the inactivity of the proponent, as directed by Committee of the Whole. Staff are waiting to receive a response back from the Solicitor on this.

BUDGET/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONCLUSION

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the action items that were requested by Committee of the Whole on April 14th. Once finalized responses and opinions are received, staff will bring the information back to Committee of the Whole or Council.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

Submitted by:

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Approved by:

Darlene Plumley, CAO