

Report to Committee of the Whole

Date: 5/12/2025
From: Chad Kean, Manager of Public Works
Re: Wellington Street Capital Project and Funding Application

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive this report for information regarding the Wellington Street Capital Project and Funding Application;

AND THAT the Committee directs staff to bring the final request of the Wellington Street Engineering Design to the May 26th Regular Council Meeting for approval;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee directs staff to bring the final request for funding application to the May 26th Regular Council Meeting for approval.

BACKGROUND

At the Regularly Scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 10, 2025, the following motion was carried following the Public Works Department Report: CCTV Scope of Work Proposal:

Re: CCTV Scope of Work Proposal

The Committee of the Whole of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its meeting on March 10, 2025, passed the following motion regarding the Public Works Report: CCTV Scope of Work Proposal:

Moved by: Mayor Cameron
Seconded by: Councillor Gural

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive for information the report regarding the CCTV Scope of Work Proposal;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee directs staff to bring the final request of the proposed CCTV of storm and sewers outlined in this report to the March 24th Regular Council Meeting;

*AND FURTHER THAT the proposed budgeted amount of \$25,000 be drawn from the "Studies" in the 2025 Capital Water and Wastewater budget to cover the cost of this proposed scope of work.
Carried.*

Within the month of April, during the high-water table, the flushing and CCTV of various storm sewers and sanitary sewers were completed, including Wellington Street (from St. Lawrence westerly to St. Patrick).

During various discussions at Council meetings, it was evident that Wellington was a strong contender to be considered for a Capital Reconstruction Project. This was communicated as once the data was received from the CCTV, staff would review and provide a recommendation to Council.

Should Wellington be the strongest contender (based on various factors) for reconstruction, staff also suggested commencing the design work in 2025 and tender the construction for 2026, with the understanding to apply for any applicable funding as it became available.

ANALYSIS

Following a review of the CCTV reports from Clear Water (the third party that undertook the flushing and CCTV work), Wellington Street remains the suggested street to undertake in 2026 as a Capital Reconstruction Project.

Staff and JP2G have reviewed the data, and a Proposal for Engineering Design has been proposed by JP2G for the scope of work. The costs are outlined in the Budget Implications of this report.

As an overview of the infrastructure conditions of Wellington Street, the below was extracted from various sources.

The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) from a 2024 review is:

- St. Patrick to St. John = Poor (47 out of 100)
- St. John to St. Lawrence = Fair (64 out of 100)

Water Line Information:

- Evaluated as 4 / Very High priority for replacement
- Installed between 1947 - 1950

Sanitary Sewer Information:

- There are various areas of fractures, offsets, and openings allowing infiltration into the system
- For added reference, the summary of the CCTV is included in this report as Appendix A.

BUDGET/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A proposal from JP2G for the Engineering Design of Wellington, including additional bore holes and geotechnical reporting in the North-West catchment area, as well as a Stormwater Management design was presented as \$97,590 (excluding HST). Whereas these costs are anticipated to be included in the funding application.

Based on the length and width of Wellington, in comparison to similar projects, it is anticipated the reconstruction costs be approx. \$2 million in 2026.

FUNDING

The Municipal Housing Infrastructure – Health and Safety Water Stream has released a funding opportunity in which staff feel we would fulfill the eligibility requirements and strongly suggest we apply for the Wellington Project.

The Contribution split for this stream is 73% Provincial Contribution and 27% Recipient.

As the timeframes for application are approaching the closing period, staff recommend proceeding with the application accordingly.

Program Timeline

Deliverables	Timeline
Application intake	April 17, 2025 - June 26, 2025 (municipal applicants) April 17, 2025 - July 10, 2025 (First Nation applicants)
Respond to program inquiries	Ongoing
Notify successful applicants and public announcement	Fall / Winter 2025
Program delivery (i.e., Transfer Payment Agreements and projects begin)	Winter 2026 and ongoing
Project Start Date (required by)	June 30, 2026
Project Completion (required by)	March 31, 2029



CONCLUSION

Based on the data collected to date and the upcoming possible funding stream as noted, Staff recommend proceeding with the application and the design / engineering services from JP2G.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: CCTV Overview of various sanitary sewer segments in Wellington Street.

Appendix B: Wellington Street Engineering Proposal

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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