

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Swilers Rugby Field – Repairs to Storm Sewer
Date Prepared: May 9, 2018
Report To: His Worship Mayor Breen & Members of Council
Ward: Ward 4

Decision/Direction Required:

To seek funding for the repairs of the storm sewer located under the Swilers Rugby Field.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The Swilers Rugby Club have plans in 2018 to reconstruct their main field to bring it up to a more acceptable standard suitable for high level competition. As part of this process the City undertook a conditional assessment of the existing storm sewer pipe that runs under the field. This assessment revealed that remedial work is required on this sewer. This includes (1) the raising of a buried manhole to just below proposed finished grade (estimated at \$5000), (2) repairing a hole in the top of the pipe in the middle of the field (estimated at \$40,000), and (3) repairing a hole in the top of the pipe just west of the field and immediately adjacent the new manhole Swilers installed on the sewer in 2016 (estimated at \$50,000). Swilers, through their builder Marco, have indicated that they are prepared to complete the three repairs during field construction if the City agrees to cover the associated cost. They have also indicated that time is of the essence in order for them to complete their work this year.

It is possible that the damage in item 3 may have been caused when Swilers installed the aforementioned manhole in 2016. This is unknown at this time and will be evaluated once the area is excavated and the pipe is exposed.

Normally capital projects are considered as part of the overall capital works plan. This work was not known about at that time. The time constraint of Swilers completing their field this year necessitates special consideration for funding. If the repairs are not completed, the new field is more susceptible to damage through sink holes, furthermore it would be costlier and more disruptive to make these repairs in the future after the new field is built.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications:

This work will result in a capital expenditure estimated at between \$45,000 - \$95,000.

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:

Swilers Rugby Club and property owners within the storm sewer drainage area.

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

This supports our strategic goals of creating a culture of cooperation as well as being fiscally responsible in that such repairs will be more expensive after Swilers have completed the field.

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4. Legal or Policy Implications: Not applicable.
5. Engagement and Communications Considerations: Not applicable.
6. Human Resource Implications: Not applicable.
City staff will be involved in assessing the pipe damage and overseeing the repairs to ensure the City's needs are met. There is no additional cost associated.
7. Procurement Implications: Not applicable.
8. Information Technology Implications: Not applicable.
9. Other Implications: Not applicable.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

1. Council fund repairs 1 and 2 at an approximate cost of \$45,000.
2. Council fund repair 3 if it is determined that this damage was not caused by the Swilers or their contractor when installing the previous manhole.
3. Council instruct Swilers to repair item 3 at their cost if it is determined that their previous work caused the damage.
4. That all work be undertaken by Swilers' contractor with supervision of repairs by City staff.
5. That funding come from the capital reserve budget.

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Attachments: Not applicable.