Township of South Stormont

ACTION REQUEST Finance Department



То:	Council
From:	Cindy Delgreco, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Date of Meeting:	June 28, 2023
Subject:	By-law No. 2023-055 to Repeal By-law No. 2023-044 and By-law No. 2023-056 Impose Special Annual Drainage Rates under the Tile Drainage Act (Wood)
Legal Description:	Part of Lot 35, Concession 7, former Township of Cornwall



Recommendation:

That By-law No. 2023-055 to repeal By-law No. 2023-044 be read and passed in open Council, signed and sealed this 28th day of June, 2023.

And further, that By-law No. 2023-056, being a by-law to impose Special Annual Drainage Rates under the Tile Drainage Act, be read and passed in open Council, signed and sealed this 28th day of June, 2023.

Executive Summary:

On May 24, 2023 Council passed By-law No. 2023-044 for a tile loan for John and Angela Wood. The application and by-law were forwarded to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) upon where the loan was rejected due to the lack of funds in our existing borrowing by-law. On June 14, 2023 Council passed By-law No. 2023-050 for additional funding approval for future tile loan debentures with the Province of Ontario. Our previous borrowing By-law No. 2008-78 has a remaining borrowing amount of \$23,600, at this time we are requesting Council to approve this amount towards the application for John and Angela Wood. Once the new borrowing by-law has passed a 28 day waiting period, an Affidavit of the Clerk will be completed and forwarded to OMAFRA who will add the new borrowing limit to their database and we will then be able to request the balance of the tile loan for John and Angela Wood.

Background:

As presented on May 24, 2023, the original application remains the same with the adjustment being made to the financing portion, the total financing is now \$35,600 and we are requesting the loan debenture in two different by-laws to utilize the balance of our existing borrowing by-law and allow John and Angela Wood access to those available funds. Once the new borrowing by-law has been accepted by OMAFRA, a further by-law will be presented to council in July to access the balance of the funds approved in the tile loan application.

Alignment with Community Strategic Plan:

Goal 3: Economic Growth Objective 3.1: Small Business Retention

Risk and Asset Management Considerations:

Under the tile loan program, the municipality is responsible for collecting the repayments from the property owner as part of the annual tax levy and repaying these funds to the Province. A penalty may be charged for late payments.

Options:

- 1. That Council repeal By-law No. 2023-044 and pass the necessary by-law to impose the revised special annual drainage rates. This is the recommended option.
- 2. Other.

Financial Impact:

The Township is the facilitator of the program and save and except the processing of the required documentation there is no direct financial impact. A fee of \$125 is paid by the landowner.

Others Consulted:

Director of Corporate Services/Clerk Drainage Superintendent Deputy Clerk

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