

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Tartan Hall - Char-Lan Recreation Centre
19740 John Street, Williamstown

PRESENT: Mayor Lyle Warden, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Jaworski,
Councillor Martin Lang, Councillor Sam McDonell and
Councillor Rebecca Luck

STAFF CAO Tim Mills, GM Corporate Services/Clerk Kelli Campeau,
PRESENT: GM Infrastructure Services Sarah McDonald, GM Planning,
Building and Enforcement Joanne Haley, Deputy Clerk Crystal
LeBrun and Executive Assistant/Communications Coordinator
Michelle O'Shaughnessy.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No. 158-2022

Moved by Councillor Luck
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 6, 2022 Special Meeting of the Township
of South Glengarry now be opened at 6:00 pm

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 159-2022

Moved by Councillor Jaworski
Seconded by Councillor Lang

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry
approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 McNairn Drain Report - McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers

Lucas Gibson of McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers provided a
presentation regarding the McNairn Drain Engineer's Report. Members of
the public were invited to make comments or ask questions after the
presentation. Drainage Superintendent Gary MacDonald, GM of
Infrastructure Sarah MacDonald and GM of Planning, Building and
Enforcement Joanne Haley addressed members of the public's inquiries.

Rob Cote (6711 Yacht Blvd)- Inquired about Maintenance Schedule for
Drains. Mr. MacDonald explained that drain maintenance is done on a
request basis. Furthermore, he clarified that drains receive maintenance
checks on roughly a 10-year cycle. A subsequent question was asked about

whether those paying for drain maintenance are all the owners of that drain. Mr. MacDonald then explained if the whole drain is maintained, the costs go to all the owners and all those upstream from the worksite pay as they also benefit from the work.

Bruce Tessier (1812 St Laurent Blvd) Inquired about water flow within the drain. Mr. MacDonald replied to his inquiry explaining that there is a minimal grade within this drain and that it does not require a substantial number of weeds to diminish water flow. The drain maintenance costs will go back to the owners for the most part, so they try not to do maintenance unless it is needed.

Barbara Duret (18161 St Laurent Blvd) inquired about the swale's impact on her property and what she has to pay, and how this drain will work. Steven Mullen (18163 St Laurent Blvd), neighbor of Ms. Duret, further elaborates on the question and describes his concern about a lack of water movement in the swale. Ms. Joanne Haley responds to both Ms. Duret and Mr. Mullen stating that their rear yard swale is not a part of this drain and that it would have been something approved through the grading and drainage plan for the subdivision.

Resident (6706 Sutherland) seeking clarification about the true owner of the drain. Ms. Haley explained that the previous landowner, Mr. Cardinal, has applied for a severance and that he is the owner of the drain. She also states that the municipality is responsible for the overall maintenance of the drain but the creation of the lot and required engineers report were mandated as part of the conditions of consent. Furthermore, Ms. Haley explains that the installation of the culvert, the maintenance of the property and the access to the property would all be the responsibility of the property owner.

Claude Dion (6727 Yacht Blvd) seeks clarification on drain ownership. Mr. Gibson clarifies that a large portion of the property around the artificial lake is owned by Mr. Cardinal. The drain is owned by whoever's property it crosses. He then motions to the drawing of the area and states that if the blue line crosses onto your property, then you are one of the owners.

Yvonne (6722 Yacht Blvd) asked how she will be affected by the drain and assessment even though her property. Mr. Gibson responds by informing her that everyone within the watershed received a notice since their water contributes to the overall drain. Water from her property will eventually end up into the drain.

Mr. MacDonald proceeded to give a definition of what a municipal drain is and explained the origins of the drain and how the drain act came to be. He further explained ownership of municipal drains and who benefits from the drain, who pays for drain construction and maintenance and also who pays for drains. Finally, he explains what work and maintenance people in the watershed can request and what it can be requested for and what work will be done, what maintenance looks like. Mr. MacDonald also elaborated further on the difference between maintaining your property as a landowner vs maintenance of a municipal drain per a drainage report. The Township receives numerous phone calls regarding planting, mowing the lawn and tree trimming around the municipal drain on the landowner's property. Mr. MacDonald clarified that residents can do whatever landscaping on their yard they would like.

Deputy Mayor Jaworski requests that a lay person version of the engineer's report be created, as the current one is quite complex, and that a portion on

the Township website be dedicated to explaining municipal drains and terminology within the subject.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Staff Reports

5.1.a McNairn Drain Engineer’s Report – Meeting to Consider

Resolution No. 160-2022

Moved by Councillor Lang
Seconded by Councillor McDonell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 83-2022 be received and that By-law 41-2022, being a by-law to provide for amendments to the McNairn Drain be read a first and second time and provisionally adopted this 6th day of June 2022.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 161-2022

Moved by Councillor McDonell
Seconded by Councillor Luck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry adjourn to the call of the chair at 6:52pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk