



Notice of Public Consultation

Urban Storm Water System Operations and Financing Options

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The Township of Zorra (Zorra) is looking at options for the sustainable operations and financing of the urban storm water systems in the communities of Embro and Thamesford. The water and wastewater servicing projects over the years 2000 to 2011 also saw all of the existing roads and storm drainage systems rebuilt in these two urban communities. Traditionally, Zorra has used *the Drainage Act* to build and finance Storm Drainage systems but there are other viable options to consider. Zorra has also had new development which has storm sewers as part of the road construction and to date five (5) storm water management ponds.

Zorra has retained rw2 Engineering Ltd to review options for the operations and financing of the urban drainage systems in Embro and Thamesford. The Council Report and an executive summary from the consultant is available for review at <http://www.zorra.ca/Home/Our-Township/Newsroom/>

For the long term sustainability of the urban storm water systems the report from rw2 Engineering Ltd recommends that Zorra implement a yearly storm water fee (similar to water and wastewater fees) to cover the costs of the urban storm water system and over time build dedicated reserves. A fee of \$60 to \$80 per year for properties less than 0.4 hectare (1 acre) is being considered. Other operational recommendations are also proposed in the report.

Public consultation is proposed through the information contained on the Zorra website at <http://www.zorra.ca/Home/Our-Township/Newsroom/> and via an in person public meeting at the Township Office as follows:

Wednesday, June 15, 2022
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Township of Zorra
274620 27th Line, Ingersoll ON N5C 3K6

The in-person meeting will include a presentation at 5:15 pm, followed by a question and answer session. There will also be opportunity for discussion with staff and the consultant.

Public consultation is important to the success of this study. Please look at the information on the website or contact Zorra (address below) for paper copies of the information. Please make any comments through the form on the website, by mailing and sending in written comments or by attending the in person meeting.

For further information, please use the contact information below.

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