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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 8:18 PM

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Subject: Freedom of Information

Hello Mayor Finch and Council

Alex Wolfe was kind enough to send me information regarding Municipal Freedom of Information with forms and a description of the process. Possibly I addressed my request to Alex in error since I am not trying to find archival materials but pertinent information on the Tridon sewer options before Council at this current time.

The Tridon OVERSIZE sewer scenario was presented to Council and the Public on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the Hybrid Meeting in South Huron Council Chambers and there is an HTML link to the detailed cost estimate.

My purpose in contacting South Huron was to receive GMBLuePlan's detailed specification and cost estimate for the sewer to service **Tridon' Sol Haven Phase 1, Phase 2, and Tridon's Tennis Court Lands ONLY.**

I would expect that a comparative cost estimate for the two projects was prepared by GMBLuePlan. The engineers and engineering cost estimators must have calculated the specific needs for Tridon Only and then another technical calculation to determine what an oversize pipe would be and the estimate the cost of materials for this OVERSIZING specification. Please provide the actual cost estimate for the Tridon Phase 1, Phase 2, and Tridon Tennis Court Lands sewer ONLY without any oversizing?

To evaluate an oversizing proposal there needs to be comparative cost estimates and comprehensive financial impact and debt servicing statement for Council and the Public to review. In the absence of comparative cost estimates, an informed decision is not possible.

What is the real incremental cost for the oversizing of the pipe? Once the real number is

known then South Huron can decide if the investment is sound. So far unrecoverable capital costs have continued to balloon user fees and not produced revenue from selling the excess capacity built. I suggest the real cost of the incremental pipe sizing is a fraction of the \$600,000 which is not predicated on real incremental construction costing. So far there is no evidence that an oversized pipe is needed. The professional engineers at MTE have reported that additional sewer capacity is in the Oakwood Links pumping station. Utilizing this existing capacity to handle future needs will alleviate capital cost and get utility from money already spent.

The only need identified for sewer capacity is for Tridon's Phase 1, Phase 2, and Tridon's Tennis Court Lands. GMBLuePlan should have the cost estimate and capacity calculations for this single Tridon project. South Huron should table the actual cost for what Tridon's actual needs are for their Sol Haven Phase 1, Phase 2, and Tridon Tennis Court Lands. If Tridon wishes to build a sewer to service their Sol Haven Phase 1, Phase 2, and Tridon Tennis Court Lands then Tridon can buy the sewer they need and get on with building and paying for the essential service required to profit from their development. I have no problem with that. I strenuously object to the Municipality co-opting the ratepayers and taxpayers into sharing any developer's costs when there is absolutely no technical reason or financial advantage to do so.

Spending as little taxpayer and ratepayer money as possible is the preferred goal of our elected officials and I offer my comments in support of this worthwhile goal.

Respectfully

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From: Alex Wolfe <clerk@southhuron.ca>

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 4:04 PM

To: Bob Schram <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: GM File 521016-1 Tridon Cost Estimate WITHOUT oversizing or item B.2.4.1

Hi Bob,

I've attached a Freedom of Information Request form under the [Municipal Freedom of Information](#)

[and Protection of Privacy Act](#). Please complete the form and return to Town Hall with the \$5.00 fee. I have also attached the Information and Privacy Commissioner ("IPC") - Access to Information Under Ontario's Information and Privacy Acts, IPC - Municipal Guide and IPC- Fact Sheet - What is Personal Information for your reference.

On receipt of the completed FOI Request Form and \$5.00 fee, our office will proceed with reviewing our records. Please clarify your request and be as specific as possible about the records you are making an access to information request (including dates if you have same), as a clear request will help us locate the records you are looking for. In general, access requests must be responded to within 30 calendar days from the date a complete request is received. A complete request is one which has been clarified or one which provides sufficient detail to allow the Municipality to understand what information is being requested.

For your information, under the Act, the requester must pay the fees for:

- manually searching for a record;
- preparing the record for disclosure;
- computer and other costs incurred in locating, retrieving, processing and copying a record;
- shipping costs; and
- other costs incurred in responding to a request, as set by regulation.

Search time for costs will include tracing back the dates and documents that you are requesting. By providing clarification on your request, this will reduce costs, so that the costs associated with the search do not end up reflect the time for searching records you do not require. In addition we can make sure we search for the correct records. This will increase the likelihood that the municipality will provide you with the information that will satisfy your request.

Please reach out should you have any questions.

Thanks,

Alex Wolfe | Acting Clerk

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From: Bob Schram [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 4:23 PM

To: Alex Wolfe <clerk@southhuron.ca>

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Subject: GM File 521016-1 Tridon Cost Estimate WITHOUT oversizing or item B.2.4.1

Hello Alex

GMBLuePlan provided a cost estimate for the Tridon Phase 1, Phase 2, and the Tridon Tennis Court lands WITH the oversizing of the pipe plus provision for item B.2.4.1. relating to the Oakwood

Links pumping station. This information was presented by Mr. Giberson on October 30, 2023 and is attached for your reference.

GMBLuePlan's costs estimate for a **Tridon ONLY sewer** to service their Sol Haven Phase 1, Phase 2, and the Tridon Tennis Court lands **WITHOUT** the oversizing of the pipe and provision for item B.2.4.1. relating to the Oakwood Links pumping station was not presented at the October meeting. GMBLuePlan's cost estimate for oversizing would have been an addition to the original Tridon ONLY sewer cost. Can we please get GMBLuePlan's written cost estimate for the **Tridon ONLY** sewer required to handle the flow from Tridon's Phase 1, Phase 2, and the Tridon Tennis Court lands.

I look forward to receiving this information and thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Regards

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