

SUNDRIDGE SEWER WORKS PROJECT
PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2014 7:00 P.M.
Held at the SSJ Arena & Hall

- PRESENT:** Mayor Elgin Schneider, Councillors Bill de Vries, Lyle Hall, Barry Morris and Lawrie Vincer
- STAFF:** Lillian F. Fowler, CAO//Clerk
Kim Seguin, Treasurer
- PUBLIC:** Approximately 200-225 people (only 30 signed attendance sheet attached)

The public meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Elgin Schneider.

CAO/Clerk Lillian Fowler gave a power point presentation on the history of the sewage system for the past 40 years plus. The history indicated that councils over the years have applied for and received several grants and then there were other grants that were not approved.

Treasurer, Kim Seguin, gave a power point presentation on the financial figures of the project.

Mayor Elgin Schneider and staff members, CAO/Clerk Lillian Fowler and Treasurer Kim Seguin answered the questions posed by the public at the meeting.

Mayor Elgin Schneider advised that Council will discuss the public's concerns.

Public

Art Field

- Defer program until further info, etc. can be addressed & follow MA requirements
- Inadequate notice to give 7 days' notice to advise clerk of attending meeting
- No committee of revision to hear objections to local improvement charges appointed
- (23 a & b) copies of local improvement roll provided to committee of revision
- Insure moratorium that appropriate by-law be passed.
- set up committee of revision
- by-law to appoint committee of revision, hearing of objections

Sharon Lee

- Efficiency finding committee

Megan Jeffers

- Pass by-law to collect local improvement charges
- Give notice of hearing to all users

- halt and carry process out properly

Don Richardson

- rebate to allow people to install low flow toilets

Jen Newman

- Can EA be seen at municipal office?

Julie Cameron

- How do people know if former bill for frontage and connection was paid out?

Bill Atkinson

- better communication by special mail out

Bill Boyd

- use reserves to cover costs of project

Mary Kingshott

- difference on residential & commercial properties

Odie Callery

- on 139' how is \$46.39 for single payout calculated?
- Consider different uses of lots
- What is interest rate on loan

Nancy Hammond

- Not fair that everyone pays same frontage charge

Russell Becker

- Large frontage as on a corner
- Can I challenge frontage eg. Coming to the office?

Harold Kreps

- Did not know what went on before

Tim Braithewaite

- New owner – did not know this was coming
- Why are vacant lots charged?
- Told dirty joke

Bob Evers

- Time to amalgamate??

Sally Boyer

- Did a study when they were setting up a business in Parry Sound
- Lowest income area in Ontario
- Village of Sundridge highest tax rate in area

Evan Slater (Shawna Darlison)

- Too much money
- Difficult for a young family to live

Dale Carlson

- Help those on low income

Gary Taylor

- Need election – taxes too high

Nancy Robb

- Taxes high
- This village will suffer a slow death (no growth happening)

Megan Jeffers

- Change Order #1
- Petition by August 22, 2014 (50% of property owners)
- Or Court System – if municipality does not agree to follow regulation
- Municipality should consult lawyer for advise

Peter Sanguinetti

- Single payout by August 29, 2013 if reconsidered will there be a refund?
- Assure that they will know by August 29 where this is going by mailed notice

Tim Braithewaite

- Is municipality audited every year
- Had heard it had not been audited since 2007

Sally Boyer

- Her brother advised her not to pay single payout

Anne Gill

- Lived in Village for 12 years and 20 years plus in area
- She was not there discussing money but future of children and families

Ruby Jenkins

- Lived in village since 2004
- Retired for 23 years

- Appeal to young people to run for council
- Said no one answered call regarding frontage on Tuesday, August 5, 2014-08-12 want to hear from other councillors not just Mayor and staff

Sharon Lee

- Respect for taxpayers
- Applied to be councillor did not even get a phone call or a letter

Chuck Melanson

- Thanked council for taking a lot of abuse from the crowd
- Upgrade to sewer system needed to bring business to municipality and allow future expansion

Don Preston

- Look at assets and use to reduce sewer debt
- Look at other payment plans

Gordon McEachern

- Costs too high – taxes, sewers, insurance, etc
- Just bought last year

Jim Nicholls

- Lived here 12 years
- Tax bill high
- Unfair taxation without representation
- New council, new ideas, amalgamation

Debbie Evans

- Moved back
- House to be her retirement home
- Got bill and had to get another second part time job

Shawna Darlison

- Bring industry and jobs into town so people can have jobs and not have to travel out of town

Council

Lyle Hall

- Sewer project needed to be done to expand town
- Need something brought in to create jobs
- Agree should be made fair
- Correct anything not done legally

Lawrie Vincer

- Has confidence in staff
- Council will address any illegality if it has happened
- Renovations to sewers needed and could not be put off any longer

Bill de Vries

- Sewer project was required
- Pumps had to be replaced at the pumping stations
- Needed camera work on lines and manholes so repairs could be carried out
- Had 3 public meeting when process started
- System would not handle what we have now so would not handle any future expansion

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mayor Elgin Schneider

Lillian S. Fowler
CAO/Clerk

	<u>2008 Cost Estimate</u>	<u>Revised Sept 2013 Estimate</u>	<u>Revised Jan 2014 Estimate</u>	<u>Revised July 2014 Estimate</u>
John Street Pumping Station Upgrades	398,000	277,200	83,003	100,463
Market Street Pumping Station Upgrades	214,000	108,600	10,000	18,415
Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade	3,574,000	4,771,503	5,643,509	5,742,846
Forcemain Upgrades	28,200	60,000	inc in wwftu	incl in wwftu
Collection System Upgrade	1,050,000	507,387	507,387	576,263
Utility Energy	460,000	270,627	266,327	290,127
Additional- Sludge Removal				51,000
MOE application				5,200
Signs				1,257
Sample Testing				2,502
Site Prep				2,180
Dewatering Panel				14,664
Sager System Design drawings				35,616
Building Permit				2,190
Construction Loan Financing				29,161
Engineering/Project Management	1,144,900	1,199,150	1,199,150	1,220,257
Total Projected Cost	6,869,100	7,194,467	7,709,376	8,092,141
Approved Funding	4,579,400	4,579,400	4,579,400	4,579,400
Municipal Portion	2,289,700	2,615,067	3,129,976	3,512,741
Holdback on Fed/Prov Funding	457,940	457,940	457,940	457,940
Municipal Financing Required				
Sewer Reserves				641,322
Gas Tax Funds				416,994
IO loan 30yr				2,912,366

SHORT HISTORY OF SEWAGE
WORKS IN THE VILLAGE OF
SUNDRIDGE

- 1970/1971 ratepayers of the day chose to have council have a sanitary sewer system installed in the municipality
- Grant monies applied for from both federal and provincial governments and approved
- Financing arranged through the federal and provincial governments put in place over 40 years

- 1974/1975 sanitary sewage lines installed throughout the areas to be serviced
- 1977 saw completion of the sanitary sewer force main, pumping stations and lagoon cells
- System went into operation December 1977 and is part of the infrastructure of the municipality

- 1985 investigation report of lagoon and sewage system paid for by province
- 1987 grant applied for and received to carry out manhole repairs on 54 manholes to alleviate ground water infiltration into system
- Grants were 85% from MOE and 50% of our 15% from Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
- 1988 side of berm on one cell of lagoon burst
- MOE carried out repairs with our share being 15%

- NO MORE DEVELOPMENT PERMITTED AS LAGOONS OVERFLOWING RAW SEWAGE EACH SPRING

- 1997 Application for Financial Assistance for the Expansion of the Sewage Lagoon- NOT APPROVED
- 1998 a 90% grant was applied for and received to determine the status of the sewage system through an Optimization Study
- Study determined that the sewage flows on a monthly basis were +/- 30% to 47% greater than the capacity of the lagoons

- Some remedial work was carried out from the study-repair work at the pumping stations and rain covers placed on many manholes
- 2004 liquid Shactivate used to reduce built up sludge in one cell to attain more capacity
- 2004 break in force main December 30, 2004

- 2005 application submitted under COMRIF program Intake #2 for new cell at present site, force main rebuild and new inlet chamber and piping - NOT APPROVED
- 2007 application submitted under COMRIF program Intake #3 for new cell at present site, new inlet chamber and piping – NOT APPROVED
- 2007 engineering firm engaged to commence evaluation of system and options available to update system and gain more capacity for now and the future
- FINES NOT ISSUED AS THE MUNICIPALITY WAS WORKING ON A SOLUTION

- 2008 February engineers to commence EA for sewage works project
 - 1st public information meeting June 25, 2008 for input from the public and other contacts with the Municipal, Provincial, Federal and First Nations review agencies to identify the various options including upgrades to the existing facility or a new facility, and select the preferred planning solution and review design alternatives available for the planning solution
 - 2nd public information meeting August 20, 2008 for further input from the public and the required agencies in order to select the preferred alternative and provide preliminary cost estimates
 - 3rd public information meeting October 22, 2008 for further input from the public and the required agencies to review and comment on the preferred alternative and preliminary cost estimates in order to receive and incorporate input from this meeting

- 2008 October 28 Council passed resolution setting BCF –CC application re sewer upgrades as its highest priority
- 2008 November 21 submission of application to BCF-CC funding program for upgrade to sewer system
- 2009 February APPROVAL of BCF-CC funding
 - \$2,289,700 federal
 - \$2,289,700 provincial
 - \$2,289,700 municipalbased on a project cost of \$6,869,100 with a stipulated completion date of March 31, 2016 or the funding would be cancelled.

- Council exhausted all avenues of more grant funding up until they had to go ahead with the project or forfeit the funding. Other grants applied for but NOT APPROVED –
- -2009 Clean Energy Fund Application
- -2011 Showcasing Water Innovation
- -2011 Ontario Small Waterworks Assistance Program.

- As Wind and Solar energy without grants was not feasible a 3 phase hydro line was constructed to service the Aeration system to be installed at the lagoon site.
- Tenders for the construction portion of the project were opened on October 31, 2013 and the contract was awarded to Kingdom Construction Limited of Ayr on November 26, 2013 in the amount of \$5,643,509.00 plus applicable taxes.

- By carrying out this project the capacity of the sewage system will increase to accommodate a population of 1500 persons plus the commercial entities within the Village.

