

Date: August 15, 2017

Report To: Mayor & Council

From: Tyson Dennis, Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner

Re: **Formal request for water well installation, Church of the Holy Spirit**

The Planning and Development Department was given direction by Council to have a public meeting to gather interest from the residence of Eighth Street, from Mill Road to Minnie Avenue North, obtaining water and/or water and sewer services from the Town of Fort Frances.

Planning and Development Department sent notice out to all property owners in the Eighth Street area with an invitation to attend an information session at the Civic Centre on March 30, 2017, to discuss the potential of services being provided using the Local Improvement Policy, by The Town to the properties. Out of 10 property owners, 9 showed up to the session. Operations and Facility Manager, the CAO as well as Tyson Dennis, participated in the session providing the residence information on how the Local Improvement Policy works, cost estimates, and timelines.

Once the information was given I contacted the residents and obtained a unanimous decision that costs were estimated too extravagant for services to be provided to the properties. Prices for services using Local Improvements are determined by property frontage. Water service started at \$14, 500.00-\$57, 200.00 and water/sewer service ranged from \$38, 200.00 to \$294. 900.00.

The Church of the Holy Spirit has a sewer service to the property, but need a water service. The original water service line on the property has failed and came originally from the Lake View Trailer Court and can no longer be routed through that area. Service must come from an extension of water main on Eighth Street or directly from Mill Road.

The Church of the Holy Spirit has requested permission to installed a drilled well on their property back on March 6, 2017. As the decision was unanimous for declining services being installed through local improvements on Eighth Street, it has again come forward for Council to allow water to be provided to the property through a privately owned water well.

Operations and Facility Manager is in the process of applying for an Ontario Community Infrastructure Grant for the 2018 construction season. This grant is given to Municipalities where infrastructure is lacking and health and safety is a concern. The area of Eighth Street to Williams Avenue is lacking fire hydrants and water

infrastructure. If the grant is successful water services will more affordable for the property owners on Eighth Street to connect to.

At the Planning and Development Executive Committee's meeting on August 8, 2017, it was the Committee's recommendation to allow a certified drilled water well to be permitted at 1408 Eighth Street for development of the property. If the Town of Fort Frances installs water service on Eighth Street prior to property development, the property owner must abide the Official Plan and connect to domestic water supply available from the Town of Fort Frances.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Council approval of this report will: allow a certified drilled water well to be permitted at 1408 Eighth Street for development of the property. If the Town of Fort Frances installs water service on Eighth Street prior to development, the property owner must abide the Official Plan and connect to domestic water supply available from the Town of Fort Frances.