

Report to Council

Report Title:	Partial Removal of the Truax Dam Update		
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Department:	Public Works		
Date:	August 13, 2019		
Report Number:	PW2019-33	File Number:	C11PW, D03TR
Attachments:	None.		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2019-33 - Partial Removal of the Truax Dam Update, prepared by Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations and Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

The Lake Huron Fishing Club has received funding from Bruce Power, in partnership with the Municipality of Brockton, to complete the partial removal of the Truax Dam on the Saugeen River, in Walkerton.

This project is to commence on July 29, 2019 and finish up around October 1, 2019. All approvals/ permits from various agencies and levels of government have been received.

Jeff Graham, President of GSS Engineering, is the Project Manager and Moorefield Excavating, from Minto, Ontario, was the successful Contractor.

Analysis:

A Preconstruction Meeting was held at the Walkerton Fire Hall on Thursday July 11, 2019 with all parties (Huron Fishing Club, Bruce Power, GSS Engineering, Moorefield Excavating, and staff from the Municipality of Brockton) to discuss timelines and responsibilities. Further meetings will occur with all parties as the project progresses. Daily on site project oversight is provide by GSS Engineering and there is regular contact with Municipal staff.

The Construction Schedule is:

- Week of July 29 to August 9th – Mobilization, Clearing and Grubbing, and building the Access Roads, Lower Head Pond water level
- Week of August 12 to 30 – Break out dam in phases
- Week of September 3 to 13 – Restore West Bank and Grout Fish Ladder (over 10 days)

- Week of September 16 to 20 – Restore East Bank
- Week of September 23 to 27 – Clean up and De-Mobilize

Construction will be taking place from both sides of the dam. Elm Street will be used as the primary street for truck traffic to the trail on the East side of the Saugeen River. Communications have been sent to residents and letters have been sent to those directly affected in the area during the project, including the various local schools for student trail access, the BIA and local Outfitters. Communications have also been put on our Municipal Webpage, in the Brockton Buzz, and on Social Media pages.

Affected trails and Saugeen River Access Points in this area were posted as closed to mitigate any potential risks to residents due to the construction.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

Reviewed By:



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Respectfully Submitted by:



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