

GRAND BEND AREA JOINT SEWAGE BOARD

Report STB 07-2024

Board Meeting Date: December 12, 2024

TO: Chair Cook and Board Members
FROM: Nick Verhoeven, Director of Public Works, Lambton Shores
RE: 2025 Final Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report STB 07-2024 regarding the “2025 Final Budget” be received; and

THAT the Grand Bend Area Joint Sewage Board approves the final 2025 Budget attached; and

THAT the final 2025 budget be forwarded to the Municipal Councils of Lambton Shores and South Huron.

SUMMARY

This report presents the revised final 2025 budget for the Board’s approval.

BACKGROUND

At the October 10th, 2024 meeting, the Board reviewed the draft 2025 budget and the following motion was passed:

THAT Report STB 06-2024 regarding the “2025 Draft Budget” be received; and

THAT the Grand Bend Area Joint Sewage Board recommends that the 2025 Budget attached be forwarded to the Municipal Councils of Lambton Shores and South Huron for comment. Carried

Based on the resolution passed, the draft budget was forwarded to both Municipalities for comment. South Huron Council discussed the draft budget at their October 21st, 2024 meeting. Lambton Shores council received the draft budget at their October 22nd, 2024 meeting. No further questions about the 2025 budget have been received.

The Tri-Party Agreement includes the following clause

20. Joint Sewage Board Approval

The Joint Sewage Board is to take all necessary steps to have the draft Budgets

completed and approved by November 30 in each preceding calendar year and then submit it to the Municipal Councils of the Participating Municipalities for approval before December 31st.

Based on the above, the Board is now able to approve the budget and forward it on to South Huron and Lambton Shores for inclusion in their respective budgets.

The Final budget is being presented as attached.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

The Board could make changes to the budget; however any changes would be made without the opportunity for comment from South Huron or Lambton Shores.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

That the board approves the final 2025 Grand Bend and Area Joint Sewage Board Budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The 2025 final budget currently is established at \$843,855.23 which includes a transfer to reserve of \$ 235,480.56 for Capital replacement. Based on the average flow data, the municipal split is estimated as follows:

Lambton Shores: \$510,871.67 – An increase of \$5,985.79 over 2024
South Huron : \$262,983.56 – An increase of \$13,579.04 over 2024

Actual municipal invoicing will be based on actual flows realized at the end of the year.

CONSULTATION

South Huron Council
Lambton Shores Council