REPORT TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: Steve Buchanan
Operations Technician

DATE: October 21, 2013

SUBJECT: Midhurst Master Stormwater Plan

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REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has identified the need for a Master Stormwater Management Plan to be completed as part of the Midhurst Secondary Plan engineering.
- Township staff and the Ainley Group support the completion of a secondary plan wide stormwater study.
- Township staff recommend the Township be the lead for this project with the Ainley Group coordinating the efforts.
- All costs will be borne by the Midhurst Landowners Group.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report from the Operations Technician regarding Midhurst Master Stormwater Plan, October 21, 2013 be received; and

THAT a Master Stormwater Management Plan for the Midhurst Secondary Plan area be undertaken with the Ainley Group coordinating the work; and

THAT a Midhurst Landowners Group funding agreement for Phases III and IV of the Environmental Assessment be amended to incorporate these works.

Background

This report is being generated as recent discussions between the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), the Ainley Group, and Township staff have identified the need for a comprehensive Midhurst Stormwater Management Plan to be developed as part of the engineering requirements for the Midhurst Secondary Plan (MSP).

The County modifications to the Township approved OPA 38 (Midhurst Secondary Plan), include policies under section 8.0 that outline requirements for a master servicing study/environmental assessment study to determine the appropriate method of water,
sewage and stormwater management. While the Environmental Assessment is underway for water, wastewater and transportation, it has not included stormwater management.

Typically stormwater management plans are completed on a subdivision by subdivision basis. A Master Stormwater Management Plan will be a more integrated approach to designing an overall stormwater strategy.

Township staff and representatives of the Ainley Group concur with the recommendation of the NVCA that a secondary plan wide stormwater master plan is required. Township staff recommend that the work be coordinated by the Ainley Group. All costs associated with the work by Ainley Group and outside consultants (if needed) will be funded by the Midhurst Land Owners Group. Township staff recommend that an amendment to the existing funding agreement for the Midhurst Secondary Plan Phase III and IV Environmental Assessment be incorporated to formalize the funding commitment.

Representatives of the Midhurst Landowners Group have been advised of the approach outlined above and concur with the Township being the lead and the Ainley Group coordinating the work.

**Budget Implications**

All costs associated with the development of the Midhurst Master Stormwater Plan will be borne by the Midhurst Land Owners Group.

**Summary / Options**

Staff have identified the following options:

1. Complete the Master Stormwater Plan for Midhurst with the Township being the lead and the Ainley Group coordinating the works;
2. Allow the Midhurst Landowners Group to complete the Master Stormwater Plan;
3. Other

**Guiding Principles**

The above initiative supports Council’s guiding principle of:

1. *Growth Management*

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