



Committee of the Whole Excerpts
June 11, 2024

EXPLORE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY BUYOUT INFORMATION/OPTIONS EXCERPT

A letter was received from a resident expressing concern regarding properties impacted by repeated Combined Sewer Overflow events that result in residential property flooding. It was noted that of the six 6) or so homes impacted; many wish to remain living in their current location but would like to know what a potential buyout option may look like if there no immediate solution was being presented.

The recommended motion was that Committee of the Whole recommend that ...

COUNCIL DIRECT THAT A LETTER BE PREPARED TO GO TO DFA REQUESTING INFORMATION AND SUPPORT ON FUNDING FOR HOMES IMPACTED BY FLOODING AS A RESULT OF COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS WITHIN THE REGION.

COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF PROVIDE A SUMMARY WRITTEN REPORT AS TO WHAT POTENTIAL BUYOUT OPTIONS MIGHT LOOK LIKE FOR HOMES THAT HAVE SUFFERED WITH THE COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW EVENTS WITHIN THE REGION.

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RE. WINDSOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS

Good afternoon,

Are there immediate plans for council and/or management to return with suggestions on supports for the Windsor area homes most frequently subjected to WHRM's combined *sewer* overflow?

The Flood Protection Program is a good regional initiative; however, it offers no new protections for this property.

At current it remains, we are sitting ducks often and/or permanently physically unwell from the effects of sewer exposure and at the at the end of our financial and emotional ropes. With the very real potential of repeat events and significant deemed biohazardous effluent depths (reminder: approx. 6-8 ft on the interior of the home on two occasions and more than half a dozen less significant events in a two-year period) before a permanent solution would be implemented, there is also risk of death during events. In the absence of a mindful targeted mitigation plan, it would stand to reason death could result in significant inherent liability for the municipality.

It would seem at this juncture only reasonable to move ahead with an expedient buy out for interested parties should there be nothing further of significance up for immediate consideration; much like I'm sure all would wish to see happen if this were your homes and children.

Thank you for your consideration. Have a safe and happy weekend.

Amanda Dunfield