

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council
Report From: Sean Thomas Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations
Meeting Date: April 13, 2026
Subject: Replacement of Watermain – Harbour Street to Cove Road
Attachment(s): 1) None

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council approve the replacement of the watermain located between Harbour Street and Cove Road;

And That the project be funded from the Water Reserve Fund.

Report Summary:

Two (2) watermain breaks on consecutive days recently identified a remaining section of older cast iron pipe that was not replaced during the 2004 works. The watermain is now valved off and is no longer serviceable. Replacement is required to restore water service and fire protection at the waterfront.

Background and Analysis:

A section of cast iron watermain remains in place between Harbour Street and Cove Road. This portion was not replaced as part of the 2004 upgrades.

This line supplies the main beach washrooms, the leased food truck location, and two (2) fire hydrants at the beach.

This section experienced two (2) breaks on consecutive days recently. The operating authority attended and attempted repairs; however, the condition of the pipe is poor and the failures confirmed that the remaining section is at the end of its service life. The watermain has since been valved off and is currently unserviceable.

Pricing was obtained to replace the full section, including reinstatement of the park and roadway. The estimated cost is \$80,000.

Given the condition of the pipe and the services it supports, replacing the full section is the most practical option. Continued repair attempts are unlikely to be successful and would result in ongoing service disruptions.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan (Choose all that apply):

- No. 1 Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- No. 2 Welcoming and Caring Community
- No. 3 Strong Local Economy
- No. 4 Good Government
- No. 5 Environmental Stewardship

Linkage to Asset Management Plan:

This staff report is related to the following within the Town's Asset Management Program (Choose one):

- Road Network
- Water Network
- Sanitary Network
- Storm Network
- Fleet
- Facilities
- Land Improvements
- Machinery and Equipment

And directly impacts (Choose all that apply):

- State of Good Repair/Replacement
- Municipal Levels of Service
- Risk Management
- Growth Impacts
- Financial Strategy

Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:

Is this cost budgeted for? Yes: No:

Budget: \$0

Actual: \$80,000

Difference: \$80,000

Proposed funding source for unbudgeted costs: Water Reserve Fund

Consulted With:

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