



STORM WATER UTILITY FEE

On June, 15, 2022 the Township of Zorra (Zorra) Council held a public consultation regarding Urban Storm Water System Operations and Financing Options. Zorra reviewed options for the sustainable operations and financing of the urban storm water systems in the communities of Embro and Thamesford. The water and wastewater servicing projects over the years 2000 to 2011 also saw all of the existing roads and storm drainage systems rebuilt in these two urban communities. Traditionally, Zorra has used *the Drainage Act* to build and finance Storm Drainage systems but there were other viable options to consider. Zorra has also had new development which has storm sewers as part of the road construction and to date five (5) storm water management ponds.

Zorra retained rw2 Engineering Ltd to review these options for the operations and financing of the urban drainage systems in Embro and Thamesford. The Consultant's Council Report and an executive summary from the June 15, 2022 Council meeting is available for review at <https://www.zorra.ca/en/our-township/newsroom.aspx>

The following resolution was passed by Council on June 15, 2022:

**“THAT Council approve of the Township of Zorra Urban Storm Water System Operations project;
AND THAT a report outlining the next steps of the project be brought back to Council.”**

For the long-term sustainability of the urban storm water systems Zorra approved the implementation of a yearly storm water fee (similar to water and wastewater fees) to cover the costs of the urban storm water system and over time build dedicated reserves. A fee of \$72 per year for properties less than 0.4 hectare (1 acre) is being proposed.

rw2 Engineering will be providing an updated report along with the draft by-law on April 5, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at the Township of Zorra Council Meeting.

For further information, please use the contact information below. This notice was first issued on March 14, 2023.

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