

Re: Culverts

Following is a report from the Treasurer regarding culverts.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the policy of providing one free culvert to every property be rescinded; and

THAT the culverts be charged for at the rate of \$8.00 per lineal foot; and

THAT the proposed policy be made effective on the day immediately following its adoption by Council (all applications received prior to Council's adoption of the new policy would be processed in accordance with the present policy); and

THAT this charge be reviewed annually.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL TREASURER

RE: CULVERTS

About twenty years ago, storm drains, curbs and gutters were almost non-existent in this Municipality. As a consequence, property owners requiring vehicle access to their properties required a culvert. Home built culverts were prevalent; the owners preferring to build their own rather than pay the Municipality to construct one. The quality of many of these culverts was very poor and made the task of keeping ditches in running order difficult. Consequently, Council adopted a policy of providing one free 16' culvert to every property requiring same. Anyone wanting a culvert of a width greater than 16' was and is required to pay a nominal charge of \$2.00 a foot for the portion of the culvert of excess width.

The following is a statement of culvert costs after application of the \$2.00 per foot revenue during the past four years:

	<u>Culvert Construction (Net)</u>
1973	\$ 51,638.08
1972	43,951.50
1971	37,595.55
1970	42,850.72

Currently, culverts are averaging \$8.00 a lineal foot in cost. Therefore, it appears that the Corporation should raise the cost to the owner for culverts in excess of 16' to \$8.00 per lineal foot. Or alternatively, perhaps the time has come when culverts should no longer be provided free of cost.

There are two arguments against this course of action:

1. Some streets have ditches on one side of the street only. An owner on the ditch side of the street could be faced with paying for a culvert whereas the owner on the other side of the street is not faced with such a cost.
2. Culverts have traditionally been installed at the expense of the community.

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cc: Municipal Engineer