

Water— a much needed commodity first became a necessity in Sandwich South Township in the early 1950's when the suburban Hamlet of Roseland began to expand by farmland being turned into subdivisions, streets laid out, houses built and a considerable population growth became a reality. It was also apparent that there would be a need for sewers; up until this period most home owners and surrounding farmsteads had their deep well facilities for water driven by either a gasoline or electrical motor. It was not until late 1960's that industrial use of water was evidenced when land was designated for such use.

Water service extension sought

OLDCASTLE — Sandwich Utilities Commission within South Township council hopes the month to discuss proposals for extension of water

DEC 19 1969
A meeting was held at the Sandwich South Township Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 16th concerning the Walker Road watermain. More industries are booming in this area, and it looks as though it may benefit everyone.

Notice of Special Assessment

And of Time and Place of Holding Court of Revision.

(Local Improvement Act, Sections 41 (2) and 46 (1) form 4)

Take notice that:

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South has constructed as a local improvement a six-inch watermain on Ducharme street between Locke street and Barton street, registered plan No. 1540.

2. The cost of the work is \$2,649.31, of which nil is to be paid by the Corporation. The special rate per foot frontage is \$2.12796. The special assessment is to be paid in three annual instalments.

3. The estimated lifetime of the work is 20 years.

4. A Court of Revision will be held on the 9th day of January, 1956, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Township Hall, Oldcastle, for the purpose of hearing complaints against the proposed assessments of the accuracy of frontage measurements, and any other complaint which persons interested may desire to make, and which is by law cognizable by the Court.

Dated December 20th, 1955.

ARNOLD A. AXCELL,

51-2t

Clerk.

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(Local Improvement Act, Sections 41 (2) and 46 (1) form 4)

Take notice that:

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South has constructed as a local improvement a six-inch watermain on Scofield avenue, between the end of the present main to the westerly limit of lot 93, registered plan No. 1143.

2. The cost of the work is \$3,444.00, of which nil is to be paid by the Corporation. The special rate per foot frontage is \$1.91333. The special assessment is to be paid in three instalments.

3. The estimated lifetime of the work is 20 years.

4. A Court of Revision will be held on the 9th day of January, 1956, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Township Hall, Oldcastle, for the purpose of hearing complaints against the proposed assessments of the accuracy of frontage measurements, and any other complaint which persons interested may desire to make, and which is by law cognizable by the Court.

Dated December 20th, 1955.

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service to lands along Walker Rd. and Jefferson Blvd.

Councillors consider the two sites to be prime areas for commercial and industrial expansion and have urged the WUC to do everything in its power to make water available to them.

They feel the township will be able to achieve a healthier balance between its agricultural-residential and commercial-industrial assessments if this is done.

The township's recently completed official plan shows 84 per cent of present assessment comes from residential and agricultural sources and the planner, Proctor, Redfern, Bousfield and Bacon, Toronto, says it is necessary that the ratio be improved if future services are not to become a burden on taxpayers.

The report says the township would need greatly enhanced financial resources to meet increasing demands for urban services and stresses "such finances would only be achieved through greatly increased taxation."

It says residential growth of the township has been increasing about four per cent per annum and warns "such a population pace will place intolerable strains on municipal finances if sustained without corresponding non-residential development."

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And of Time and Place of Holding Court of Revision.

(Local Improvement Act, Sections 41 (2) and 46 (1) form 4)

Take notice that:

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South has constructed as a local improvement a six-inch watermain along Highway No. 2 and Baseline Road, between Walker Road and Fairbairn street, registered plan No. 1519.

2. The cost of the work is \$17,430.05, of which nil is to be paid by the Corporation. The special rate per foot frontage is \$2.36484. The special assessment is to be paid in three annual instalments.

3. The estimated lifetime of the work is 20 years.

4. A Court of Revision will be held on the 9th day of January, 1956, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Township Hall, Oldcastle, for the purpose of hearing complaints against the proposed assessments of the accuracy of frontage measurements, and any other complaint which persons interested may desire to make, and which is by law cognizable by the Court.

Dated December 20th, 1955.

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Clerk.

Essex Town Council.

November 23rd, 1956.

Council met, in special session, at the call of the mayor, with Mayor Queen; Reeve Francottle; Deputy Reeve Wilson and Councillors Shaw, Newman, Layson, Richardson and Finlay present.

The mayor stated the meeting had been called at request of William D. Conklin, of Ontario Water Resources Commission, who was present; along with C. G. R. Armstrong, the Commission's engineer.

Mr. Conklin tabled an explanatory letter addressed to K. E. Brett, town clerk, and went over the appendix to agreement. The total estimated annual cost of \$326,268, will be paid as follows—The Town of Leamington will use 368,000,000 gallons a year; the Heinz Company, 730,000,000 gallons; parts of townships Sandwich South, Maldstone, Gosfield North, Gosfield South and Mersea and Town of Essex, 204,000,000 gallons; total of 1,300,000,000 gallons which is at rate of 25¢ a thousand gallons. The scheme will go as far as M.C.R. tracks at Maidstone Cross and out Middle Road to Six Corners.

In the figure of 204,000,000 gallons, the Town of Essex minimum is 110,000,000 gallons, which is figured at 36,000 gallons per year per person. The maximum pumping capacity for Essex, is set at a peak of 750,000 gallons a day or 273,750,000 gallons a year, at a population figure of 3,500.

Mr. Conklin stated the cost of work would be paid by Ontario Treasury and carried as an overdraft until money market gets straightened out, possibly in a year or so, then a debenture issue will be sold. The government is at present paying 4.73 per cent interest on borrowings.

He explained the reserve fund figure of \$50,587 in the estimated annual cost, stating that if no unforeseen repairs, replacements etc. come up in five years, there would be a nestegg of \$25,935, which would be earmarked so it could not be used for anything but this one waterworks project. Thus with this quarter million dollars, in reserve, the figure of \$50,587 being raised annually could be reduced to a nominal figure and thus reduce cost of water.

Clause C, in appendix, includes no expense of Ontario Water Resources Commission but is for operation of system only, this also possibly can be reduced in actual operation.

When asked if the O.W.R.C. had any further word as to site of proposed hospital, school etc. for retarded children, his answer was no, however, they, as a Commission, would like to know as a project like this would certainly be a big water user.

The maximum daily pumping capacity of system, Mr. Conklin stated would be 20 million gallons a day. This statement was verified by Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Johnston asked both Mr. Conklin and Mr. Armstrong if they could set a possible date when lake water would be available in Essex. In answer to this question, Mr. Conklin set August 1st as a possible date, stating that it depended on—1st, how soon approval of Municipal Board could be obtained, (at present chairman of Board didn't think they had any authority to approve of project); 2nd, it would take two months for Mr. Armstrong to get out final estimates, plans, specifications etc.; 3rd, advertise for tenders; 4th, how soon successful bidders could get delivery of pipe. They were thinking of asking for tenders for the 14 miles of pipeline, in at last three separate tenders so each contractor could be doing his part at same time, as other contractor.

Mr. Armstrong stated the big job was the building of the filter as this tender would have to be let to one contractor, however, the scheme could go through without filter for a while and system have just chlorinated water.

The route would be up No. 3 Highway, Through Town of Essex, the line would cut off from No. 3 at Gosfield avenue (cut off road), follow down Irwin avenue to Brien branch over to Maple Row, go right past Stokely's and straight across M.C.R. tracks to Maidstone Townline, thence back to No. 3 Highway to M.C.R. tracks at Maidstone Cross.

On being asked if Town would require a standing pressure tank, Mr. Armstrong again stated the pressure in mains in Essex, (after leaving the plant at the lake at around 120 pounds), would be 35 pounds through Town, which no doubt is several pounds higher than mains are at present carrying so he could see no use for a pressure tank.

Messrs. Agnew and Affleck of the Stokely Company were present and on leaving, Mr. Agnew thanked the mayor for invitation to be present at meeting to get information first hand and thanked both Mr. Conklin and Mr. Armstrong for the time and interest they were taking in the project.

Mr. Conklin suggested including a couple more clauses in the agreement, which he read, and also suggested Council request their solicitor, Mr. Geddes, to meet with himself and Town of Leamington solicitor so they could go over agreement, proposed form of a by law ratifying said agreement etc.

STAR-JAN. 27/70. Expansion

push paying

OLDCASTLE—Sandwich South Township council's push for industrial expansion appears to be paying dividends.

The Windsor Utilities Commission is now preparing a schedule of rates for extending a new water line to serve areas along Walker and North Talbot Rds. council feels are "prime land" for non-residential growth.

This is expected to be ready for review and recommendation within a month to six weeks.

Councillors feel a healthier balance between its agricultural-residential and industrial-commercial assessments is essential.

A 12-inch water line has been recommended.

SANDWICH SOUTH

STAR MAY 25, 1974

The watermain has been approved for School Lane Road, despite the fact it will cost residents an additional \$4,800

Holy Name Regis Club.

The Holy Name Regis Club presented Frank McGuire with a box of cigars for helping to get lake water for Essex, Maldstone and Sandwich South. They also passed a vote of thanks to Bill Murdoch, M.P.P., South Essex, and William Conklin, vice-chairman of Ontario Water Resources Commission. EFF December 56

EFF. AUG. 1, 1975

Maldstone - Sandwich

South Water Scheme

The Reeve, Mr. Meconi, of the township of Maldstone, has received confirmation from the Minister of Government Services, Mr. James W. Snow that the Ministry will make a contribution of \$51,000 towards the capital cost of the joint watermain project between Sandwich S., Maldstone and Essex on account of the O.P.P. Station. This was received on August 12th, 1975. This is on an increase of \$24,000 over the previous commitment.

One more of the many hurdles have been crossed in extending a watermain along Highway 114 and into the area of the Essex detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, with an approval from the provincial government. Among hurdles still to cross is the matter of financing for each homeowner.

DEC. 13/73 Star

The pipeline is presently being installed along Sexton Sideroad and the 11th Con. session.

Sandwich South seeking extended water services

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OLDCASTLE — Sandwich South Township council hopes to meet with the Windsor Utilities Commission to discuss costs of extending water service to areas along Walker and North Talbot Rds.

Councillors consider the area to be "prime land" for non-residential growth and feel the municipality will be able to achieve a healthier

THE WINDSOR STAR, JULY 18, 1969
balance between its agricultural, residential and industrial commercial assessments if water service is made available.

They are suggesting that a 12-inch line be run from the city boundary. Cost has been estimated at \$120,000. This would likely be met through assessments and frontage rates.

The township's recently completed official plan shows 84 per cent of assessment comes from residential and agricultural sources and the planner, Proctor, Refern, Bousfield and Bacon, Toronto, says it is "paramount" the ratio be improved if future services are not to become a burden on ratepayers.

The report says the town-

ship "would need greatly enhanced financial resources to meet increasing demands for urban services" and stresses "such finances can only be achieved through increased industrial and commercial growth."

Waterline extension approved

THE WINDSOR STAR
JULY 4, 1975
By EVELYN WALKER

ESSEX — The seven-mile watermain extension from the Essex water tower to the hamlet of Maidstone and the Ontario Provincial Police station in Sandwich South, was approved by the three municipalities involved at a meeting in the Maidstone Township Hall.

The approval came in time to catch the final extension of a contract offer for \$603,000. After nearly five years of negotiations, costs have spiralled from the original estimate of \$107,000.

Cash payments by the two school boards, a cut in construction costs, and government grants will reduce the cost by \$412,795, with the possibility of an additional \$40,000.

The watermain extension will be laid along Talbot Road from the Essex water tower through Maidstone Township and Sandwich South Township. It will serve the hamlet of Maidstone and residents along Highway 114. The watermain will continue along County Road 46 to the Maidstone Central school. St. Mary's School in Sandwich South will have access to the watermain that comes through Essex from the Union Water System.

The cost to the average homeowner will be in the \$300 to \$340 range per year.

The total cost of installation is estimated at \$698,109 with construction costs contracted at \$603,000.

The Town of Essex agreed at the meeting to pay \$40,147 as its share of the cost. This amount was agreed upon two years ago, but inflation brought the town's percentage share to nearly \$60,000. However, Essex council notified the two other municipalities it would pay no more than the \$40,000 figure, and would ask for a share of any grants.

Maidstone Township's solicitor, Max Mousseau, said the other two townships were, in effect, subsidizing Essex's costs by paying any increase over the agreed price. He said Essex council and public utilities members agreed to pay the \$40,147 without seeking an additional share of grants.

The cost of installing the watermain from the town's water tower to its boundary is estimated at \$140,000.

Sandwich South Reeve Robert Pulleyblank reported officials of the two municipalities appealed to the engineers for help in cutting costs.

The engineers told two school boards that the cost to them and capital costs would be reduced if they paid charges now, instead of a water bill surcharge over 20 years. The Roman Catholic Separate School Board will pay \$25,000 and the Essex County Board of Education will pay \$20,000. This will cut interest to be paid over 20 years and result in lower costs to homeowners on the waterline. The townships are also negotiating for a payment of \$21,900 by the O.P.P.

The ministry of government services has promised \$21,900 for the watermain, but may grant up to \$50,000. The Environment Ministry will give \$258,750, and possibly another \$12,000.

Depending on how much money is granted, a typical homeowner's yearly water charge in Maidstone would be at least \$299.49, with a maximum of \$336.71. Similar figures for Sandwich South users would be \$303.04 and \$340.26.

At a public meeting held last week for the 95 residents of Sandwich South who would be able to get water from the line, 45 of the 61 who voted were in favor of having the extension installed. Water now available to people in this area is high in mineral and sulphur content and corrodes pumps and pipes of the plumbing systems. As well as the two schools and O.P.P. offices, 140 homeowners would have access to the waterline.

Estimate for extension revised

THE WINDSOR STAR, FEB. 2, 1974

MAIDSTONE — Extension of a watermain from the Essex tower into sections of Sandwich South and Maidstone townships will cost over 20 per cent more than original estimates providing work is carried out in the next six months.

E. O. Lafontaine of Lafontaine, Cowie and Buratto notified the townships involved that the revised estimate should be valid for six months. The annual cost per householder will be \$56 more, or \$281 spread over a period of thirty years.

Of a total cost of \$408,900 Sandwich South township's share will be \$219,824, Maidstone township's will be \$153,876. The town of Essex will pay \$35,200.

The three municipalities reached an agreement of division of costs last fall after the Ministry of the Environment refused to accept a set amount to be paid by Essex as an equitable share. At that time the town agreed to accept additional costs up to 10 per cent of the original estimate.

The waterline will be extended from the Essex water tower to the town limits and thence along Highway No. 3 to Sandwich South Township to serve the hamlet of Maidstone. A line will run north to Manning Road and up

to the provincial police offices. Another line will be extended from Manning Road to one half mile east of Maidstone Central School.

Maidstone accepted the report of the new estimate of costs, and authorized the engineers to proceed with the development.

Water project for three townships still stalled

THE ESSEX TIMES, MAY 22, 1975

A water works project for three townships still has not begun after a number of years of postponements which has tripled original estimated costs for the project. The project consist of construction of a water distribution system to serve the Township of Sandwich South and extensions to the water distribution system serving Town of Essex and the Township of Maidstone consisting of 12 watermains. Essex Deputy Reeve Brett stated that he hoped that the project could finally begin citing that costs for the Town of Essex had for the subject increased from \$22,000 to \$60,000 because of de-

velopment. The present cost is \$690,000 where approximately \$261,000 will be subsidized through a provincial grant.

Province to fund area watermain

THE WINDSOR STAR, MAY 26, 1975

The ministry of the environment has agreed to give some grants for a watermain that would run from the Town of Essex, through Maidstone Township to Sandwich South Township.

Sandwich South Reeve Robert Pulleyblank, Maidstone Reeve Norando Meconi and Essex Mayor Edmund Michael met with Environment Minister William Newman recently to ask for the grants. No decision was given at the meeting, but the reeve was notified by telephone that night that \$258,000 in provincial funds would be given toward the \$698,000 project.

Mr. Pulleyblank told township council the normal grant on waterlines is 75 per cent. The ministry had first refused any grants but agreed to provide about 37 per cent after the meeting.

The tender expired, and council agreed to have the ministry ask for an extension of time from the contractor to determine if the people to be served by the new line are willing to pay \$350 to \$400 a year for water.

If the contractor will not extend the tender time, the project will have to be retendered.

The planned watermain would run along Highway 3 to the hamlet of Maidstone and up County Road 19 to service the OPP detachment at Highway 401.

Because the police and two schools in the area will be the major water users, Mr. Pulleyblank said the province has an obligation to provide more money.

In addition to the provincial grants promised, the reeve feels the OPP and the two school boards should pay an increased portion of the cost. Meetings are to be arranged to discuss this possibility.

The original estimate of cost for the average homeowner was about \$290 a year. Any higher figure will have to go back to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval.

The tender for the watermain was opened in March and local politicians asked to meet with the environment minister early in April. The meeting, the day before the tender expired, was the result.

The project has now been tabled until meetings can be held with the school boards, the police and the homeowners along the route of the watermain.

Another watermain extension, this one along Walker Road and Highway 3, will also be taken back to the people.

Township to consult on main

THE WINDSOR STAR

JUNE 17, 1975

Sandwich South Township council will seek legal advice on suggestions to eliminate proposed oversizing of a watermain along Walker Road.

A group of Walker Road-Howard Avenue residents were at council Monday objecting to methods used to charge residents of a designated water area with the cost of the \$20,000 oversizing.

After a lengthy meeting, the consensus appeared to be that residents had nothing against construction of an eight-inch watermain along Highway 3 and Howard Avenue but suggested the elimination of the oversizing to 12-inch on Walker Road.

Council will consider eliminating the proposed oversizing but does have a petition sufficiently signed to proceed with the oversizing.

Increased costs turn off Essex

THE WINDSOR STAR, JUNE 18, 1975

ESSEX — The revised estimated share to be paid by Essex for a watermain extension into Maidstone and Sandwich South Townships is not acceptable, town council has decided.

Unless its share is set at \$40,000 less 8 per cent of the grants allowed to the other two municipalities, Essex will not agree to accepting the project.

Essex council and the public utilities commission say there is no benefit to the town in the installation of a larger watermain from the tower along Talbot Street to the town limits as is required for the extension of the line. Grants are not available to Essex on the replacement job.

When the town first agreed to paying the cost of the watermain that would be in the town the estimated cost was less than \$40,000. Repeated delays caused by cost negotiations and lengthy periods of waiting for approval from the ministry of the environment have seen the costs double in the more than two years since the extension was approved by Essex.

An extension along the proposed route as far as the Maidstone Township limits on Highway 3 was installed at the time Essex received water from the Union Water System. The new extension would take water to the hamlet of Maidstone and up to the Ontario Provincial Police offices then along Highway 98 to the Maidstone Central school.

When the estimated cost of the project was given as \$465,200, Essex agreed to pay \$40,147 with a 10-per-cent leeway as its share of the cost. In the year since then the estimation has risen to \$603,000.

The idea of the watermain extension was first suggested in 1970 when estimated costs were \$107,000. Recently the ministry announced that grants would be available to the townships of Maidstone and Sandwich South, and Essex wants a share of grants.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH STAR TENDERS FOR WATERMAINS APR. 25, 1975

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to contents, will be received by Mr. Bert R. Bedford, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Sandwich South, up until the hour of 4:00 P.M., E.D.T., on MONDAY, MAY 5th, 1975 for the construction of approximately 2,000 linear feet of 12" diameter and 1,500 linear feet of 8" diameter cement-lined, ductile iron watermain on Walker Road and King's Highway No. 3.

Plans, Specifications and Form of Tender may be obtained from the Consulting Engineers, LaFontaine, Cowie, Buratto & Associates Limited, 3260 Devon Drive, WINDSOR, Ontario, N8X 4L4, upon payment of a \$25.00 deposit, which is refundable upon return of the Contract Documents in good condition, within 15 days of the close of bidding.

Each tender is to be accompanied by a bid bond for not less than 10% of the tender price.

The successful tenderer will be required to furnish a Performance Bond for 100% of the contract price.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

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Proposed waterline questioned

By EVELYN WALKER

OLDCASTLE — Residents along the route of the proposed waterline extension into Sandwich South Township are having second thoughts about water at present installation costs.

Estimates of the cost of installation of a line from Essex into the township to serve the hamlet of Maidstone, up to the Ontario Provincial Police offices and from there to the Maidstone Central School in Maidstone Township, have risen from \$107,000 in 1970 to \$465,200.

About 50 residents crowded into the township hall to question the proposed extension, methods of paying for it, what action council was taking and to demand a public meeting before a decision is made.

The project involves Essex and the townships of

Maidstone and Sandwich South. Costs have risen while repeated delays have prevented work getting under way. Recently the three townships were preparing to send representatives to the ministry of the environment to get action, but last Friday the clerks were notified that tenders could possibly be called by Feb. 12.

After the project was reviewed from the time it began and questions aired, Reeve Robert Pulleyblank suggested a decision by those involved be deferred until tenders are opened, in the hope that tenders might be lower than the estimated figure. Residents involved were promised a vote on the matter and that no tender will be accepted without their approval.

Councillor Peter Halford presented the brief he and Councillor Meredith White prepared to remove any misunderstanding about

their position on the project.

"We are not in any way in opposition to the water project," Coun. Halford emphasized. "It is you people who will pay for it and if you vote for it, it is your choice."

The original petition for a feasibility study on a waterline into the hamlet of Maidstone in Sandwich South was mistaken for a petition for a waterline, according to Mr. Halford's brief. He claimed Sandwich South Township could get water only through Maidstone Township, which already had a waterline from Essex along Highway 3 in 1971 when the study began. The line ended at the Sandwich South boundary, less than half a mile from the hamlet. In December, 1971, Maidstone Township, which was already a member of the Union Water System, agreed to let Sandwich South Township

join a water extension project.

It was June, 1973, before Essex approved the enlargement of a main from its pumping station along Highway 3 (now known as Talbot Road) to the west limits of the hamlet of Maidstone in Sandwich South, along Highway 114 to the O.P.P. station and along County Road 46 to the Maidstone Central School. By the end of 1974 costs were estimated at \$344,900.

Six months later a revised estimate put the total at \$465,200. Of this sum, Sandwich South is to pay \$250,016, or 58.8 per cent of the costs after Essex pays \$40,147. The probable costs to the average consumer has risen from \$227 to \$320 plus water bills. The ministry has informed Maidstone Township it will get a Winter Project Fund grant of \$100,000 for the project, but, to be eligible, work

must begin by May of this year.

Reeve Pulleyblank said he will go back to the ministry of the environment and ask for additional funding.

He also asked residents who were in attendance to think what the situation might be in two or three years if they do not share the project with Maidstone Township now and have to buy into the Union Water System at a later date. "I hope the people not here tonight will look at this possibility," he said.

To those questioning the price of water being based on assessment rather than frontage, Reeve Pulleyblank explained frontage was unrealistic for owners of larger tracts of land and cited the cemetery grounds that fronts the main route in the hamlet.

If the waterline is installed there will be a fixed cost of \$200 for everyone plus a

cost of \$22.55 for a service connection and additional costs. Anyone can choose to pay off the service connection charge with an immediate payment of \$200 instead of making payments over 20 years.

Residents questioned the wisdom of spending \$250,000 to supply water to 100 homes.

Councillor Meredith White questioned a bylaw amendment which he claims makes it impossible for any development along the waterline route once the main is installed.

"When we have the public meeting I want people to know that. I tried to bring it out tonight but I was put down," Councillor White stated. He maintained the amendment was never publicly presented as being necessary for the approval of the waterline project.

Municipalities prepare appeal over proposed

THE WINDSOR STAR, APR. 9, 1975

ESSEX — The high cost of supplying water to three public buildings on a proposed waterline extension route will be used in the second appeal of the three municipalities affected to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

The municipalities are seeking a 75 per cent subsidy on costs of installation

from Essex into Maidstone and Sandwich South Townships.

MPP Richard Ruston and John Timko, head of construction for southwestern Ontario for the ministry, met with representatives of the three municipalities and the two county school boards on Monday in the Maidstone

municipal hall to reappraise the request.

It was brought to their attention for the first time that it will be necessary to spend \$30,000 to replace the whole plumbing system of Maidstone Central school with only a projected lifetime of eight years because of the corrosive effect of the mineral-laden

water now being used from wells. Currently the board is spending \$1,000 a year to maintain the plumbing in the school for the use of some 275 students.

No figure was given on the cost of operation at St. Mary's School, Maidstone, in Sandwich South Township, but it was reported the fixtures are

replaced every year and a complete change was anticipated in three years.

Expansion is planned to provide a resource centre and additional class rooms to replace portables now being used.

At the Ontario Provincial Police station, the yearly costs for maintaining the

waterline

plumbing was reported to be \$2,800 to supply water for the use of 71 persons.

The proposed extension would supply water to these buildings along its route along Highway 3 from Essex to the railroad in Sandwich South Township, up Manning Road to the OPP station, from Manning Road along County Road

46 to a short distance beyond the Maidstone Central School.

Tenders were opened in February. Estimated costs of installation has been given as \$603,000 with Essex paying \$40,147 with a 10 per cent leeway, Sandwich South to pay 58 per cent and Maidstone township 42 per cent.

Town has second thoughts on project

JUNE 5TH 1975, THE WINDSOR STAR

ESSEX — When Maidstone and Sandwich South townships make their decisions about the installation of the proposed watermain from Essex, this town will call a joint meeting with the Essex public utilities and the three municipalities.

Because costs of installation of the extension from

the Essex water tower have risen by \$25,000 to \$60,000 since the project was first suggested, Essex is having second thoughts about going along with the project. The public utilities commission says there is no benefit in installing a larger main from the tower along Talbot Street to the town limits and it claims it is un-

fair that no government grants are available to Essex when the other two municipalities are receiving them. Essex is not eligible for grants because it is a replacement job.

An extension from the Essex water tower along the same route and across that part of Maidstone Township through which

Highway 3 runs to the westerly boundary was installed when Essex first received water from the Union Water System.

The proposed extension would go into the hamlet of Maidstone in Sandwich South and up to the Ontario Provincial Police office and Maidstone Central School in Maidstone Township.

Construction of three-community watermain begins

THE WINDSOR STAR, JULY 11, 1975

ESSEX — Work finally has begun on construction of the watermain extension from Essex to Sandwich South and Maidstone townships after five years of negotiating, delays and hard work on the part of municipal officials.

On Monday, the first 12-inch pipe section was laid along County Road 46, fifty feet east of the Maidstone Central school.

Total cost of installation with engineers' lawyers' and contingency fees is estimated at \$698,109 with cost of construction contracted at \$603,000. The estimated cost in 1970 was \$107,000.

The line that will be brought from the Essex water tower will supply water to the hamlet of Maidstone, St. Mary's Parish and school in Sandwich South township, and the offices of the Ontario Provincial Police and Maidstone Central School in Maidstone township.

The project is to be completed in 26 weeks but Reeve Robert Pulleyblank of Sandwich South township said this morning the contractor has indicated he expects to have the line in operation sooner.

There will be two crews working at opposite ends of the line.

Reeve Pulleyblank said the project has finally reached reality only because of the aid given by William Newman of the Ministry of the Environment in securing a grant of \$240,000 for the municipalities of Maidstone and Sandwich South. Reeve Pulleyblank took the initiative in the appeal for a grant after the townships were told none was available. Essex will pay a fixed share of \$40,000 because it already has two six-inch mains along the route.

Sandwich South will pay 5.8 per cent of the cost after the Essex share is deducted from the total, and Maidstone township will pay the remainder.

Watermain extension costs approved by Essex Council

WINDSOR STAR - SEPT. 12, 1973
ESSEX—Essex town council agreed to the 10 per cent leeway on the proposed payment of \$30,875 as the Essex share of the watermain extension into Maidstone and Sandwich South townships.

At a special meeting to approve the agreement suggested by the Public Utilities Commission, Essex councillors heard the terms and readily agreed to the share adjustment.

The adjustment became necessary after the Ontario Water Resources Commission turned down the proposal that Essex pay an exact sum on the grounds that it was not equitable.

During a meeting last week with the officials of Maidstone and Sandwich South townships, it was decided to make the share to be paid by

Watermain meeting postponed

THE WINDSOR STAR - OCT. 8, 1973
ESSEX—The meeting between the representatives of the Ministry of the Environment and the townships of Maidstone and Sandwich South, and town of Essex over watermain extension costs has been delayed.

The ministry informed Essex Council that it wished to postpone the meeting until the middle of October when certification of the project will have been mailed to all concerned municipalities.

After a meeting of the three municipalities Sept. 10, a request was made to the ministry for an immediate meeting in order to permit an early beginning of the project.

An earlier agreement between the municipalities had been turned down by the province on the grounds that the share of costs to be paid by Essex was not equitable. Essex then agreed to a 10 per cent leeway on its share of \$30,875, for the costs of extending the watermain from the town into the townships.

The ministry stated in its letter that if the total costs of extending the mains within the town are higher than the present estimates, the townships would have to agree to pay the extra cost, which might not be covered by their agreement with Essex or the project would not be possible with out negotiation.

The mains are to be built from the water tower in Essex to the village of Maidstone, up to the O.P.P. station and along Highway 98 to the Maidstone Public School. Essex is to pay a share of the costs of installation to the town limits.

Essex, adjustable by 10 per cent in order to cover any costs that might be added above the estimate on which the sum had been based on a percentage rate.

A. J. Forsythe of the Ministry of the Environment acknowledged receipt of request for the proposed waterworks extension into Maidstone and Sandwich South to townships. He said the councils of Sandwich South and Maidstone should arrange financing of their share of installation costs. The town of Essex has agreed to pay a share not exceeding \$30,875.

THE WINDSOR STAR - JULY 7, 1973

STAR - OCT. 20, 1973
Sandwich South Township Council agreed to extend a watermain on Howard Avenue by 760 feet to service the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints now under construction.

Cost of extending the main will be paid by the church.

The watermain on Morton Drive will be extended by 140 feet to service three additional lots at a cost to benefiting property owners of \$17.86 per foot of frontage.

The high cost of the watermain results from the fact that Morton Drive is on the Windsor-Sandwich South Township borderline, so costs for township residents cannot be shared with property owners on the other side of the street.

Part of the total cost of extending the watermain was absorbed by the township when council made an exception to its policy of not helping pay for local improvements, by financing the \$792 cost of extending the main under Lancaster Street.

Water Extension Costs Agreement Accepted

Approval of the agreement between Essex, Maidstone, and Sandwich South townships has been received by the Ministry of the Environment. The waterline is to be extended from Essex down Forest and Bell Streets and out to #3 highway to Maidstone and thence to the O.P.P. station and along #98 highway to Maidstone Central School.

The Ministry refused approval of first proposed agreement on the grounds that the Essex share was too limited. Essex council agreed to pay any increased costs to a maximum of 10%.

Local Lawyer To Draw Water Agreement

MAY 24, 1974 - FFP
Delay in the water extension program from Essex into the Townships of Maidstone and Sandwich South should soon be ended.

A letter from the Ministry of the Environment to the 3 municipalities involved, suggested that they jointly choose a solicitor to prepare the legal agreement at the expense of all three. The Ministry claimed that their solicitors had been unable to prepare the agreement because of an unusually heavy work load.

The Ministry will provide drafts of the standard forms of agreement.

The township of Maidstone directed their lawyer, Max Mousseau, to contact the Ministry because of the long delay since the verbal agreement between the three municipalities was reached and approved.

Essex agreed to have lawyer Mousseau prepare the agreement. The other two municipalities have already agreed to that agreement.

\$465,000 funded

THE ESSEX TIMES, OCT. 10, 1974

Good news for Essex, Sandwich S., and Maidstone

One hundred thousand dollars will be funded to Essex, Sandwich S., and Maidstone for water-mains through the federal Winter Capital Projects funded under the Department of Regional Economic Expansion Program. 4,650 ft. of 12 inch water-main pipe will be installed in Essex from the elevated water-tank to the western limit of the town. 22,550 ft. of 8 inch water-main will

be installed in Sandwich S. and Maidstone along highway 3; then on Malden Rd. in Sandwich S. to County Rd. 19, and North of County 19 to Highway 401. It will then extend East of County Rd. 96, from County Rd. 19 to the line between lots 7 and 8 in Maidstone Township. The project will provide water to an area that now depends on inadequate supply of water

from surface wells on sulphary bored wells, especially essential to two schools. The total cost of water-mains is expected to be \$423,200. Construction is to begin January 15, 1975 and is to be completed July 15, 1975. An additional \$365,520 will be funded for the same project from the Provincial Ministry of Environment.

3 Gov'ts to hire lawyer

THE ESSEX TIMES - MAY 30, 1974

MAIDSTONE—The town of Essex and townships of Maidstone and Sandwich South are co-operating to hire a local lawyer to prepare a water extension agreement for the three municipalities at the recommendation of the Ministry of the Environment.

A delay in calling for tenders in the project

has been caused by waiting for the drafting of the proposed agreement.

The ministry has had an unusually heavy work load lately and has proposed that it should forward drafts of standard agreement forms to the municipalities.

Maidstone township solicitor Mr. Mousseau

had, at the request of the townships, sent a letter to the ministry, urging action. All three municipalities received a reply from the Ministry in Toronto.

Essex County's Business

WINDSOR STAR - SANDWICH SOUTH MAY 28, 1974

A bid submitted by E. Bondy Excavating, about 30 per cent above engineering estimates, was accepted by council for installation of a watermain on School Lane Road.

The firm's bid was \$21,686 and was the lowest of seven submitted. The engineering estimate for the job, which involves installation of 2,220 feet of cast iron pipe, two hydrants and two valves, was \$16,820. The highest bid submitted was nearly \$35,000.

Council was told the cost of cast iron pipe has been rising rapidly lately which accounted for the bids being so high.

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About 30 Maidstone area residents complained about the tardiness in getting the project started to provide a watermain in their area as well as other portions of the township and neighboring Maidstone Township.

In the meantime, council had arranged to meet with Maidstone Township council May 16 to discuss the 10-mile project which is expected to cost close to \$500,000.

The residents were told council was waiting for an agreement to be prepared prior to obtaining Ontario Municipal Board approval for the project.

Engineering specifications will take about two months time to prepare, after which the project can be tendered.

The project, which will be carried out by the provincial environment ministry, was first proposed about two years ago. Many residents have had to truck drinking water onto their properties because of the poor quality of well water. The well water also has been blamed for causing serious corrosion to plumbing facilities.

Council has approved an amendment to the official plan which will allow the extension of a waterline onto agricultural property.

STAR - FEB. 23, 1974

A \$8,970 tender submitted by Girard Excavating, Emeryville, to extend a watermain on Howard Avenue to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was approved by Sandwich South Township council, subject to engineering approval.

The tender, the lowest of five, was just \$5 less than another submitted by DonMar Construction, MacGregor.

The Emeryville firm said it would require 30 working days to complete the job while the MacGregor firm said it would only require 15 days.

Watermain extension given nod

STAR - SEPT. 5, 1974

ESSEX — A bylaw covering the tri-municipality agreement for the preliminary work to provide a watermain extension from Essex to the townships of Maidstone and Sandwich South was passed by Essex Council. It is subject to approval by the Ontario Municipal Board.

A letter from the ministry of the environment notified council that approval of financing will be sought. Essex will pay its share of \$40,147 in cash. Total cost of the watermain extension is estimated at \$465,200 provided work begins by November 1, 1974.

Costs have climbed steadily through repeated delays since the project was first accepted as a co-operative venture more than a year ago. The extension would be taken along Highway 3 to the hamlet of Maidstone in Sandwich South Township and from there to the Ontario Provincial Police station and then along Highway 98 to the Maidstone Central School.

Cost per customer estimated at \$180-\$200 per year THE WINDSOR STAR - FEB. 3, 1971. Sandwich S. seeks Union water for Maidstone residents

Sandwich South Township will approach the Union Water System to discuss the possibility of providing water service to about 80 customers in Maidstone.

About 95 per cent of those involved sent a petition to the township urging that water be brought in.

Residents attended a special council meeting last week to hear consulting engineer Ed Lafontaine outline the proposal and its likely cost.

The water system presently stops at Maidstone Township.

To service Sandwich South and the hamlet, a watermain would be extended west along Highway 3 from Cozy Corners for three-quarters of a mile to the Penn Central railway tracks.

A line would also run north along old Highway 114 for about half a mile.

Mr. Lafontaine said the water service would cost from \$180 to \$200 per year for each customer.

Mr. Lafontaine indicated the cost would go higher because Union Water would probably ask Sandwich South to participate in installing a new, enlarged watermain from the Town of Essex to Maidstone Township.

The main in Maidstone Township is adequate, at eight-inch diameter, but is fed by only a six-inch main from Essex.

With additional customers the six-inch main from Essex would likely have to be enlarged to eight or 10 inches.

If Union Water approves an expansion of the system and requires that Sandwich South participate in the enlargement of the Essex watermain, it would cost each customer in the hamlet "a few dollars more per year," according to Mr. Lafontaine.

At last week's meeting a handful of residents indicated they no longer were interested in water service after they were informed of the probable cost.

However, the majority apparently is still in favor, so council plans to go ahead and meet with Union Water.

Reeve Robert Pulleyblank said once a meeting is arranged with Union Water more concrete cost estimates would be available if it approves the plan.

ESSEX, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1975

THE WINDSOR STAR - MAY 4, 1971. Ebb, flow of water supply worrying Sandwich South

By BILL HICKEY

Sandwich South Township is concerned about the ebb and flow of its water supplies.

Township council would like to control the use of water in the west side of the township and find a new supply source for the east side.

Monday night, council decided Township Reeve Robert Pulleyblank will meet with Maidstone Township Reeve Reginal Blanchard and Essex Mayor Edmund Michael to try and establish a water supply for the hamlet of Maidstone and other users on the east side of the township.

Secondly, council voted to restrict connections to a new water supply source just installed along Walker Road from Windsor. No firm will be permitted a water connection larger than three-quarters of an inch unless they have a system for disposing of their effluent.

Sandwich South had asked to join the Union Water System that serves the southern region of the county up to Maidstone Township.

But system officials notified council Monday night that such an extension would be expensive. They suggested Maidstone Township be approached to extend service to users in the east end of Sandwich South.

Reeve Pulleyblank will set up a meeting with the other two officials this week or next. The water is needed for St. Mary's central school

which is having problems with its well water and for residents in the area.

The reeve will propose that Maidstone extend service to the users in Sandwich South and then bill them directly. Essex is involved in the dealings because of the possibility of oversizing a water line from the town.

On the west side, Reeve Pulleyblank said the township already had "six or seven" concerns wanting to tie into the new water line along Walker Road with connections up to two inches in size.

The reeve said council was concerned that large water users could "jeopardize the whole industrial park" on Walker if their effluent is run off into the municipal drain.

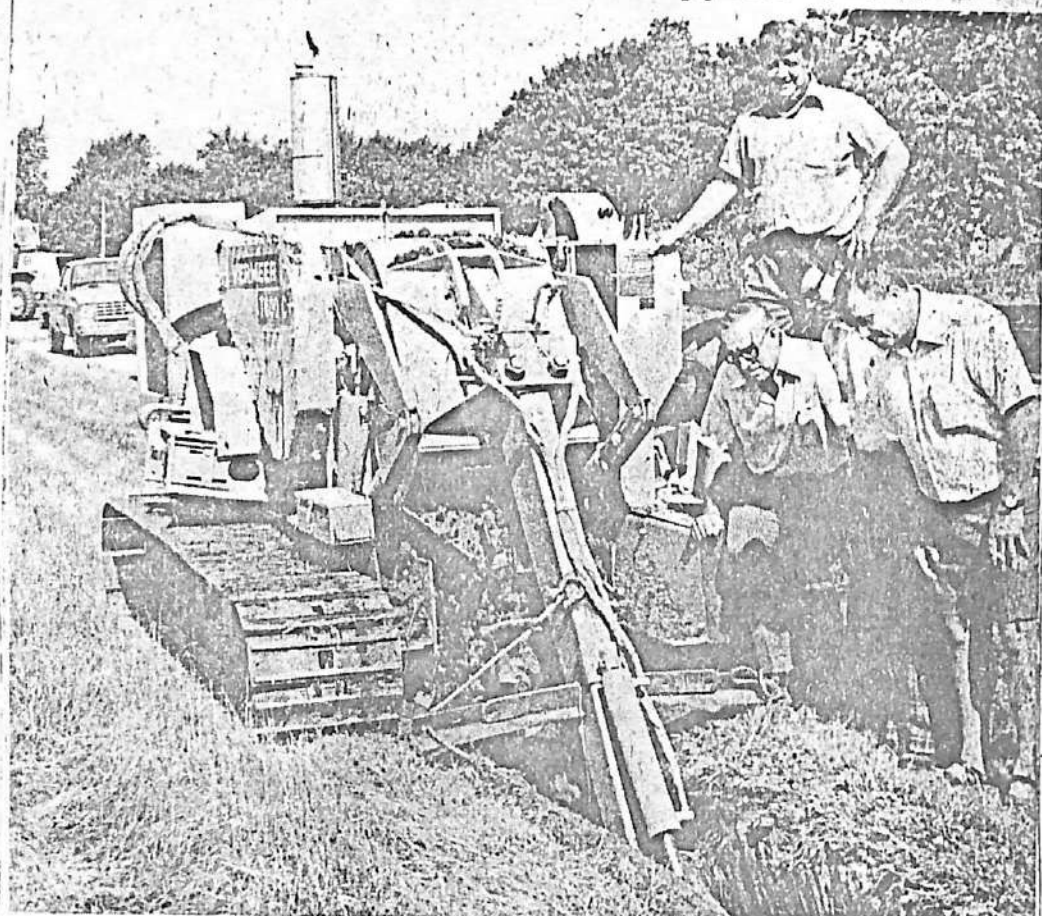
He said the Ontario Water Resources Commission could close the park and force the township to install a sewage system if the outflow of effluent was too high.

The reeve said firms which came forward with a system for treating their own effluent would be permitted to connect to the water supply with connections larger than three-quarters of an inch.

"Some day we are going to have to have a sewage system but it's too soon now," the reeve said. "We're just getting started."

He said the township will employ a student this summer to examine connections to the water supply system to ensure they meet the council's restrictions.

Extension Installation Begins . . .



FINALLY A REALITY — After five years of negotiations during which time construction costs spiralled from \$107,000 to \$603,000, work began Monday on the installation of an extension of the watermain from Essex into Maidstone and Sandwich South Townships. Representatives from each Township, Robert Pulleyblank, Reeve of Sandwich South; Richard Ruston, M.P.P. for Essex North; Patrick Hayes, Deputy-Reeve of Maidstone Township and John Mullins, representative for Holy Name Parish and school, inspect the laying of the 12" main along county road 46 near Maidstone Central School.

leyblank took the initiative in going after the grant after the townships were told none was available.

Sandwich South will pay 58.8 per cent of the cost after the Essex share of \$40,000 is taken from the total and Maidstone will pay the remainder.

A continuing liaison between the three municipalities and the construction company will be kept during installation by three representatives appointed; one from each municipality. Reeve Pulleyblank reported \$100,000 has been set aside for fees to

engineers and lawyers and contingency fees and efforts will be made to hold expenses to the minimum.

Cash payments by the two school boards, a cut in construction costs will reduce the cost to the two municipalities by another \$170,000.

APR. 24, 1970. E.P.P.

Sandwich South Township Council is pushing for industrial expansion to help the taxpayer out by non-residential growth. The Windsor Utilities Commission is now preparing a schedule of rates for extending a new water line to serve areas along Walker and North Talbot Roads. The 1970 Sandwich South Township budget should be made public soon as taxes are due September 30. Also, the Ontario Municipal Board will hear, by July 30th, a long-range policy for residential growth for our Township, by a new zoning by-law. Copies are available at the Municipal office at Oldecastle.

Waterline

The long delayed construction of an extended waterline from Essex into Maidstone and Sandwich South townships started this week when work crews began laying 12" waterpipes 150 feet east of the Maidstone Central School on county road 19.

The line will supply water to the hamlet of Maidstone and St. Mary's school and parish in Sandwich South township and the Ontario Provincial Police station and Maidstone Central School in Maidstone township as well as 140 homeowners.

Total cost of installation is estimated at \$698,109 with \$603,000 in construction costs. The estimated cost in 1970 was \$107,000. Repeated delays, time spent in negotiations between the three municipalities and in waiting approval by the Ministry of the Environment has seen 5 years elapse, while construction costs spiralled.

Time allowance for completion of the project has been set at 26 weeks but Reeve Robert Pulleyblank of Sandwich South twp. said the contractor indicated he expects to have it in operation in less time.

Two crews will work at opposite ends of the line beginning at Essex and near the Maidstone twp. school.

Reeve Pulleyblank said the project would not likely have ever reached reality without the help of William Newman of the Ministry of the Environment in securing a grant of \$240,000 for the municipalities of Maidstone and Sandwich South. Reeve Pulleyblank said the project would not likely have ever reached reality without the help of William Newman of the Ministry of the Environment in securing a grant of \$240,000 for the municipalities of Maidstone and Sandwich South.

Townships favor watermain

THE WINDSOR STAR, APRIL 13, 1972

OLDCASTLE — The townships of Sandwich South and Maidstone have agreed in principle on construction of a watermain to service households in both townships.

The proposed line will run from the Town of Essex along Highway 3 to Maidstone, then north along former Highway 114 and along County

Road 19 to the Ontario Provincial Police station near Highway 401. A branch line will run along old County Road 98 to just east of Maidstone Central School.

About 149 households will be serviced by the new line with a projected growth of 250 homes.

Cost to homeowners over a 20-year period has been esti-

mated at \$167 per year for the watermain. An additional \$60 per year will be for increasing the present six-inch watermain in Essex to 12 inches.

If Ontario Water Resources Commission and Ontario Municipal Board approval is obtained construction is expected to start in 18 months.

In the early 1970's with a residential growth along Lesperance Road and new streets being laid in the Tecumseh suburbs, it became necessary to obtain a water system for that area, and in the Industrial Strip area of Walker Road and North Talbot Road, water mains and extensions were in progress.

Water hike for township

THE WINDSOR STAR - AUG. 14, 1970.

Sandwich South Township residents supplied with water from Windsor will dig a little deeper in their pockets when new water rates come into force.

The Windsor Utilities Commission Thursday approved a report from Glenn Fisher, general manager, recommending higher water rates for Sandwich South residents. Rates suggested are 50 per cent above the regular Windsor rate, and four times the Windsor rate in cases where excessive water is used.

Mr. Fisher said in his report that the higher rates would recompense the WUC for unaccounted water loss in the township; plant and equipment operations for which Windsor residents have paid over the years; part of the cost of maintaining the old, and installing new distribution facilities and oversizing

of water mains to provide for the township needs.

"In order to simplify the rates to Sandwich South Township it is suggested that the demand rate for each meter size be $2\frac{1}{4}$ times the Windsor rate with a standard allowance of 1,000 cubic feet for every two months.

"The excess water rate be upped from 41 cents per 100 cubic feet to 48 cents per 100 cubic feet and established as four times the Windsor rate," Mr. Fisher said.

Commissioners were told by William Mullen, assistant general manager, that the township's administration had accepted the proposed rates.

Sandwich South Reeve Robert Pulleyblank hopes to sign an agreement with Windsor Utilities Commission within the next two weeks for water supply and connections to the township's new industrial park on Walker Road. STAR MAR. 17/71

STAR - APR. 7, 1971.

The deadline for residents or business establishments to connect into Sandwich South's new watermain along Walker Road and North Talbot Road is May 14. It is expected the watermain installation will be completed April 14. After May 14 anyone wishing to connect to the watermain will have to apply to the Windsor Utilities Commission which is installing the main.

Sandwich South will call for tenders for construction of about 1,000 feet of six-inch watermain along Lesperance Road south of the Canadian Pacific Railway Line. The project will cost the township about \$43,000. STAR, JULY 2, 1971.

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Sandwich South Township has awarded a contract for constructing a watermain on Lesperance Road from Guoin Street southerly to Highway 2. The contract for \$44,000 was awarded to Keystone Contractors Ltd., Windsor, and the township must now obtain Ontario Municipal Board approval. STAR AUG 5/71

Pipeline's coming through

THE WINDSOR STAR - JAN. 27, 1971

Construction of the long-awaited \$164,000 watermain which will run from Windsor to service the Sandwich South industrial park was to get under way today.

"It's taken three-and-a-half years of negotiation, but we've finally got it," said township Reeve Robert Pulleyblank.

Reeve Pulleyblank and township solicitor Richard Walker met with Ontario Municipal Board Chairman J. A. Kennedy in Toronto on Friday to discuss the project, and OMB final approval was received by the township in a telegram Monday.

"We met with the contractor early Monday evening for the final signing of the contract," said Reeve Pulleyblank. "Work will begin Wednesday and the pipe is expected to arrive the same day."

The water project has been

approved by the Windsor Utility Commission and the Ontario Water Resources Commission. The 12-inch watermain to be installed by the WUC will run from within the city to the south limits of the township's industrial park.

It will extend along Walker Road 4,300 feet from the city limits southward to the industrial park.

In addition, an eight-inch main will be constructed east and west of Walker Road along North Talbot Road for 5,250 feet.

Cost of the entire project has been estimated at \$164,000 with \$52,000 of the work within the city limits. The portion of work within the township will be financed under local improvement and by prospective users in a designated water area.

The portion of work within

the city will be paid by the WUC but the township will repay half of that cost to the commission over a 10-year period.

Reeve Pulleyblank said the project took over three years of negotiation with Windsor and it will be "the lifeline to our industrial park." He said the delay had been holding up a major warehouse development in the township as well as several smaller commercial projects.

"The developers of the large warehouse (from Ohio) have been anxious to get started but they needed the water," he said. "Representatives from Ohio will appear before council at its next meeting, Feb. 1, to discuss the project."

Reeve Pulleyblank said the water isn't required for use in the warehouse but for "fire protection" of the structure.

ESSEX TIMES, NOV. 9, 1972.

Water mains may be extended into Sandwich South

Maldstone Township requested a meeting between Sandwich South and Maldstone along with the solicitors and engineers to consider the extension of water mains into the Sandwich S. area and north to the O.P.P. station.

Councillor Vandoorne proposed that the council and

mayor of Essex as well as the Essex waterworks department be invited to attend the meeting.

The proposed extension would be along highway #3, Malden Road and county road 19, Township of Sandwich S. and County road 46.

The meeting between the three municipalities would be to consider calling for estimates and assessment.

The work could be carried out as a municipal project of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

The water would be supplied from the Town of Essex as well as construction of certain trunk watermain which are recommended in the Town.

Lafontaine, Cowle, Buratto and Associates are the consulting engineers.

The township of Sandwich S. presented the petition to the consulting engineers.

STAR-NOV. 24/70

Bondy given contract for excavation work

E. Bondy Excavating Co. was granted the contract for the excavation work for a 12-inch watermain on Walker and North Talbot Roads to supply a developing area of Sandwich South Township.

The Bondy bid of \$160,031.25 was the lowest of 11 received by the Windsor Utilities Commission.

The project is to be carried out in three stages over a period of 20 weeks.

A meeting will be held Sept. 30 with Sandwich South and Essex and try and reach agreement on a plan to bring water to 80 homes in the hamlet of Maldstone.

Sandwich South Township wants the homes serviced by the Union Water System that extends to Essex. The homes must rely on wells at present. STAR, SEPT. 23, 1971.

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April 26, 1971 - Water lines were completed along Walker Road and North Talbot both East & West.

April 30th, 1971 - House numbers were put up along this route and on July 1st, 1971, we got city water in the homes. On that day water was turned on in this curator's residence.

Council plans new watermain

STAR - DEC. 29/70. OLDCASTLE - Sandwich South Township council has published notice of its intent to construct a watermain along the stretch of Intersection Rd., between St. Anne (St. and Shawnee Rd.

Estimated cost of the project is \$7,438. This will be assessed against owners of abutting lands.

Council proposes the special assessment be on a 10-year basis. Annual cost is estimated at 75 cents per foot of frontage.

The project requires Ontario Municipal Board approval.

STAR-Notice of Intention 1970.

SEPT. 24, 1970.

TAKE NOTICE THAT:-

1. Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South intends to construct as a local improvement (a) a 12" water main from the northerly limit of King's Highway No. 401, southerly along Walker Rd. to the limit between the north half and south half of Lot 304, N.T.R. (b) an 8" water main on the North Talbot Rd. from the easterly limit of the School Lane Rd. easterly along the North Talbot Rd. to a point 1/4 mile east of the easterly limit of the right-of-way of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, and

(i) intends to specially assess that part of the cost of the work relating to oversizing the water main from 8" to 12" when constructed on Walker Rd. as above set forth upon the rateable property described below and marked Schedule "A"; and

(ii) intends to specially assess that part of the cost of the work on Walker Rd. being the equivalent cost of an 8" water main as above described upon the lands abutting directly upon such works; and

(iii) intends to specially assess the cost of the construction of the 8" water main on the North Talbot Rd. upon the lands abutting directly upon such works.

2. The estimated equivalent cost of an 8" water main on Walker Rd. (less the cost of private service connections) is \$43,760. no part of which is to be paid by the Corporation. The estimated cost per foot frontage is \$5.52. The special assessment is to be paid in 20 equal annual instalments and the estimated annual rate per foot frontage is 44.8 cents.

3. The estimated difference in the estimated cost between an 8" and 12" water main on Walker Rd. exclusive of private service connections is \$23,454. no part of which is to be paid by the Corporation. The special assessment is to be paid in 20 equal annual instalments and the annual cost to pay the same during such period at an interest rate of 10 per cent per annum is \$2775.63 premised upon the present assessment of the rateable property of the lands described in Schedule "A".

4. The estimated cost of an 8" water main on the North Talbot Rd. exclusive of private connections is \$55,441. no part of which is to be paid by the Corporation. The estimated cost per foot frontage is \$5.52. The special assessment is to be paid in 20 equal annual instalments and the estimated annual rate per foot frontage is 44.8 cents.

5. Application will be made by the Corporation to the Ontario Municipal Board for its approval of the undertaking of the work and any owner may within the 21 days after the first publication of this Notice file with the undersigned Clerk his objection to the work being undertaken.

6. The Ontario Municipal Board may approve all the work undertaken but before so doing it may appoint a time and place when any objections to the work will be considered.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South in pursuance of Section 380 of The Municipal Act intends in conjunction with the Windsor Utilities Commission to construct a 12" water main on the westerly side of Walker Rd. from King's Highway No. 2 southerly to the northerly end of the present 12" water main approximately 720 feet south of the said highway and a 12" water main on the westerly side of Walker Rd. from the southerly end of the present 12" water main to the northerly limit of King's Highway No. 401 all in the City of Windsor. The estimated cost of such work is \$57,178. of which Windsor Utilities Commission has undertaken to pay half and no part of the balance is to be paid by the Corporation. The owners or occupants of the lands in Schedule "B" below have been declared to derive immediate benefit from such works which are intended for the supply, collection and distribution of water from the water mains to be constructed under the local improvement as above set out and a water works rate sufficient to pay half of the capital cost of such works has been declared and imposed upon such lands to be computed by a mill rate upon the assessed value thereof. The special assessment so created is to be paid in 20 equal annual instalments and the estimated annual mill rate to pay the same during a period of 20 years with interest at 10 per cent per annum premised upon present assessment of such lands is 12.81 mills. Such undertaking in pursuance of Section 380 of The Municipal Act is subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board and Council intends to apply for such approval at the same time that it applies for approval by the Board of the above-mentioned local improvement.

DATED at the Township of Sandwich South, this 21st day of September, 1970.

Bert R. Bedford
Clerk-Treasurer, Oldcastle, Ontario

The lands marked Schedule "A" which are to be assessed for half of the capital cost of the water mains constructed in conjunction with Windsor Utilities Commission are described as follows:-

That part of the Township of Sandwich South described as follows:-

COMMENCING in the intersection of the Blind Line in the North Talbot Road Range with the North-Westerly limit of King's Highway #401; THENCE North-Easterly along the North-Westerly limit of King's Highway #401 to the westerly limit of the right-of-way of the lands of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company; THENCE Southerly following the Southerly production of the last mentioned limit to the Southerly limit of King's Highway #401; THENCE Easterly following the last mentioned limit to the westerly limit of the 8th Concession Road; THENCE Southerly following the last mentioned limit to the Northerly limit of the North Talbot Road; THENCE Westerly following the last mentioned limit to the Northerly production of the limit between lots 303 and 304, North Talbot Road Range; THENCE Southerly to and along the said limit between lots 303 and 304, North Talbot Road Range to the westerly limit of the right-of-way of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway; THENCE Southerly following the last mentioned limit to the Blind Line in the North Talbot Road Range; THENCE Westerly following the Blind Line in the North Talbot Road Range to the place of beginning.

The lands marked Schedule "B" which are to be specially assessed for the oversizing of the water mains on Walker Rd. are as follows:-

That part of the Township of Sandwich South described as follows:-

COMMENCING in the intersection of the Easterly limit of Howard Avenue with the Northerly limit of King's Highway #3, which said last mentioned limit is also the Southerly limit of the Corporation of the City of Windsor; THENCE Easterly following the last mentioned limit to the North-Westerly limit of King's Highway #401, which is also the South-Easterly limit of the Corporation of the City of Windsor; THENCE North-Easterly along the North-Westerly limit of King's Highway #401 to the westerly limit of the right-of-way of the lands of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company; THENCE Southerly following the Southerly production of the last mentioned limit to the Southerly limit of King's Highway #401; THENCE Easterly following the last mentioned limit to the Blind Line in the 8th Concession; THENCE Southerly following the said Blind Line in the 8th Concession to the Northerly limit of the North Talbot Road; THENCE Westerly following the last mentioned limit to the Northerly production of the limit between lots 301 and 302, North Talbot Road Range; THENCE Southerly to and along the last mentioned limit to the Northerly limit of King's Highway #3; THENCE Westerly following the last mentioned limit to the Easterly limit of the lands of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company; THENCE Southerly following the last mentioned limit to the Blind Line in the South Talbot Road Range; THENCE Westerly following the said Blind Line in the South Talbot Road Range to the said Easterly limit of Howard Avenue; THENCE Northerly following the last mentioned limit to the place of beginning.

There will be a joint meeting of prospective water users in the Township of Sandwich South and the Township of Maldstone in the St. Mary's Parish Hall in the Village on Tuesday evening 8 p.m. to discuss the proposal in detail.

SEP. April 7, 1972.

Walker - Hwy. 3 watermain to go back to people

THE ESSEX TIMES, JUNE 19, 1975

SANDWICH SOUTH— At the regular meeting of Sandwich South Township Council, Monday night, representation was heard from about twenty-five concerned citizens concerning the Walker Road-Highway Three water line.

Consensus of the two hour discussion seemed to be that the ratepayers don't oppose the water main just the distribution of the costs.

Howard Avenue resi-

dents who will not get the benefits of the system will be part of the area charged for oversizing of the Walker Road section. The oversizing is designed so that some time in the future, these residents will reap the benefits of the larger lines. Ratepayers from that area commented that they have already paid and are continuing to pay twice for watermain, which they haven't got.

Bill Mogorod, depu-

ty-reeve who chaired the discussion commented that "this council is in no position to explain why, since they were not the original council to decide the question."

The present method of paying for the oversizing is on the assessment of properties who would benefit from the oversizing in the future. Council members noted that this was the first time they had heard of such an assessment. Many people present question-

ed why they had to pay more because of the size of their homes. Usually, watermain costs are charged to each property owner on a foot frontage basis. The rate in this case would be \$7.45 per foot. The oversizing which has been estimated at \$20,000 was advertised in the media, the contract was put to tender, signed, sealed, okayed by all the proper authorities. Work was scheduled to begin but

the new Sandwich South council wanted to be sure that the property owners knew how much they were going to be charged.

Quite a few homeowners in the area to be serviced are now experiencing water problems from their wells, added Bob Pulleyblank, reeve of the township. Pulleyblank, absented himself from the chair, because he will be one of the homeowners receiving the water. His well

water is fine and he is also supplying some of his neighbours, a resident noted.

Several comments revealed the chagrin of the representatives over their ignorance of the project. Several felt they were shanghaied by previous councils petitions. Some wanted to pay cash for the oversizing so that they wouldn't end up paying double on assessment over the twenty year period.

The results of the discussion were that the petition would have to be redone. The twelve-inch oversized watermain would be replaced by an eight inch line and petition would have to be signed to that effect. The present contract expires on July 5, so if the council expects to use those figures, the work of informing the property owners must be done immediately.

More rate hikes for township

THE ESSEX TIMES, JUNE 26, 1975

SANDWICH SOUTH— Windsor Utilities Commission, effective July 1, 1975 have revised their water rates for this township, the council learned at their last meeting.

The increases scheduled to go into effect on September 1, 1975, will parallel the city of Windsor's increases of 20%. At the present time, Sandwich South pays more than Windsor customers but any

increases are percentage-wise parallel. A meter service charge of 50% will also be paid by Sandwich South residents. This charge is apparently because of the longer travel distance. The water rate itself depends on the size of the metering. Sandwich South council decided at that time, to hold the matter in abeyance until the agreement can be researched. The township is also

facing the same kind of rate hike from the Tecumseh Utilities Commission (TUC). The increase in those rates (58%) is due to the costs to the TUC of upgrading present water lines and extending water-lines to service the outlying communities of Sandwich South and St. Clair Beach.

St. Clair Beach has formally indicated that the village solicitor will fight the increase in court as being discriminatory. The increase will not be charged to Tecumseh customers.

Sandwich South has an agreement with the TUC and the council feels that "although we are on the same rough seas as St. Clair Beach, we are in different boats." The increases are being examined with respect to the agreement.

Windsor Utilities Commission also added that they will no longer permit installation of water lines of less than

six inches. Any larger sizes as required by fire regulations for commercial enterprises will be paid for by the business. In addition, the cost of the fire hydrants will be charged to the individual business requiring the service.

DEC. 5, 1975 KFP

Many on Hwy. 3 from Cozy Corners thru to Village and up Hwy. 114 are having their trenches dug and installing their water line.

Tender to expire July 6

THE ESSEX TIMES, JULY 3, 1975

Sandwich South— The proposed Walker Road, Highway Number Three waterline will have to wait for all the necessary steps to be taken for a second time, Sandwich South council decided Monday night.

The Waterline had been passed by council, had Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) approval, and work was set to begin. Council felt that the oversizing costs, which were to be charged by way of increased millage on assessment of properties which might someday receive the benefits

of the oversizing, were not really understood by the area. At a meeting held in June, people being charged for the oversizing, raised the objections necessary to have the whole project reviewed. As it stands now, the petition of residents receiving water must be resigned, OMB approval must be obtained and the project retendered.

The present tender to Dan Ross Ltd. is due to expire on July 6 and solicitor, Richard Walker, has advised the township to let it expire.

One of the residents of the area who was due to get the waterline benefits was present at the meeting on Monday night. He complained that the sulfur from his well was slowly destroying his home. He added

that he had thought seriously about moving from the area. He stated that they had been promised the waterline last fall and were still waiting. Council replied that the biggest stall had been with the OMB who had the application for 8 months (October to May). The clerk had written a letter and phoned several times to try to hurry the approval. Council noted that all the people in the water area would have to be notified that the oversizing would be discontinued, if there were no objections; OMB approval should be forthcoming. The petition itself should be in the hands of the canvassers in the near future. Once it is signed and approved, action of council can be taken.

New watermain to cost 5% more than estimates

THE WINDSOR STAR, NOV. 4, 1975
By ROB VAN NIE

The construction of a watermain along Con. 8 and Jo and Ray Roads in Sandwich South Township will cost residents at least five per cent more than original estimates. However, considering that the original estimate was made in March, 1974, the extra cost is in line with inflation, council was told by its consulting engineer.

Tenders were opened at Monday's meeting and Reeve Robert Pulleyblank warned that if the township applied for provincial financial assistance, there may be a delay of six months to a year and tenders would have to be called again.

Tenders ranged from a low of \$76,500, submitted by Val-Ros Construction, to a high of \$128,290. The original estimate was \$73,350.

Construction must begin within 60 days for the tenders to remain valid, although council could ask the construction company for an extension.

Reeve Pulleyblank said he had been told by provincial officials that a request for financial assistance would take six months to a year to be approved.

However, Ed Lafontaine, of Lafontaine, Cowie, Burrato and Associates, consulting engineers, said that in the past the province has usually not given financial assistance for watermain construction.

"You might get some assistance but escalation might eat it all up," added Reeve Pulleyblank.

Because the tenders are over the estimate, council will have to get Ontario Municipal Board approval to start construction. The board had approved the original estimate.

After a lengthy discussion, during which Mr. Lafontaine spent some time explaining engineering concepts to some members of the audience who questioned how the watermain could provide enough pressure, council passed the tenders along to the consulting engineering firm for approval.

Council will also look into a petition by four property owners on the Con. 8 who want the watermain extended to include their properties.

Service curbed

THE WINDSOR STAR, JULY 23, 1975

Tecumseh retaliates in rate row

Tecumseh has retaliated against St. Clair Beach for its opposition to water-rate hikes by the town.

The Tecumseh Utilities Commission has passed a resolution not to provide any extension of water service in the village until an agreement has been signed covering, among other things, payment for water.

The TUC raised water rates in St. Clair Beach and a part of Sandwich South Township by about 57 per

cent July 1. The village is taking the matter to court, claiming it is discriminatory.

The commission resolution will have the effect of freezing development in the village. Tecumseh Mayor Don Lappan said he doubts if the province will approve any development unless water is available.

St. Clair Beach Reeve Fred Cada said today the commission resolution is "nothing to be concerned about. By the time we (the village) are ready for another subdivision, the matter will have been settled in court," he said.

Several large housing developments are planned for the village, but Mr. Cada said they will probably not be ready to begin construction before next year.

The increase in water rates was made to pay the cost of enlarging watermains to serve other municipalities, according to the commission.

The village has offered to pay the additional costs in cash.

A legal precedent found by village solicitor Richard Walker states that all users of a water system must be treated equally despite municipal boundaries.

The rates are not going up in Tecumseh and the village feels a rate hike should apply to everyone to be fair.

Mayor Lappan, a member of the utilities commission, said the town has been subsidizing the village for years. Other commissions charge a premium on water sold outside municipal boundaries and Tecumseh should do the same, he said.

County road 42 homes get water

THE ESSEX TIMES, JULY 17, 1975

SANDWICH SOUTH—Letters will be sent to all the property owners on County Road 42 who will be affected by the building of a water line on that highway.

The 4,950.6 foot addition onto the end of the present line will extend

to Checkerflag Raceway and cost \$108,689. The charge for each property will be cheap as compared to Maidstone and the Tecumseh - Hamlet area. Owners will be charged on a frontage basis with no one paying

for more than 100 feet. A maximum of 100 feet would cost \$23 per foot, \$2300; plus the private connection charge of \$345 plus their monthly water bill. The ratepayers could pay off the total sum of \$2,645

immediately or instead on a 20-year basis, with interest at 10%.

If there are any complaints, comments, suggestions or complaints, they will be dealt with at a council meeting on August 4.

Watermain Extension

JULY 11, 1975

ESSEX FREE PRESS

by EVELYN WALKER

Essex held the line in its agreement with Sandwich South and Maidstone townships for the extension of a watermain from the tower in town into Sandwich South and farther into Maidstone township.

Town officials agreed nearly two years ago to pay \$40,000 with a 10% leeway if required by increasing costs. At that time engineers had assessed the value of the watermain to the town at 8.63% of the total costs and it was on this the \$40,000 figure was based. However Essex officials argue there is no immediate benefit to the town.

The new line is to be laid along Talbot Road to the railway tracks in the hamlet of Maidstone which is in Sandwich South township. From it a line will run along highway #114 back to Manning Road and up it to the Ontario

Reaches Agreement...

Provincial Police station. Another line will run from Manning Road along county road 46 (98 highway) to Maidstone Central School.

Total cost of the project, is estimated at \$698,109 and as well as two schools (one of which is St. Mary's in Maidstone), the O.P.P. station, 140 householders will be eligible to use the water.

At the present time a line now runs from the Essex tower to county road 19, the boundary line between Maidstone township and Sandwich South township. It was laid when Essex first became a member of the Union Water System.

Since Essex agreed to pay the \$40,000 figure construction costs escalated from the original \$107,000 to \$603,000 making the 8.63 share nearly \$60,000. Because officials of the town saw no immediate benefit of the line they refused to pay the additional costs and notified the other two municipalities that they could pay no more than \$40,147 and asked for a share of the provincial grants that the townships had been able to persuade the ministry were warranted.

The grants plus cash payments by the two school boards and a cut in construction costs will reduce the total cost of \$698,109 by \$412,795 with the possibility of an additional \$40,000.

Maidstone township's solicitor, Max Mousseau, said the other two townships were in effect subsidizing Essex's

costs by paying any increase over the agreed price. He said Essex council and public utilities members agreed to pay the \$40,147 without seeking an additional share of grants.

The cost of installing the watermain from the town's water tower to its boundary is estimated at \$140,000.

Sandwich South Reeve Robert Pulleyblank reported officials of the two municipalities appealed to the engineers for help in cutting costs.

The engineers told two school boards that the cost to them and capital costs would be reduced if they paid charges now, instead of a water bill surcharge over 20 years. The Roman Catholic Separate School Board will pay \$25,000 and the Essex County Board of Education will pay \$20,000. This will cut interest to be paid over 20 years and result in lower costs to homeowners on the waterline. The townships are also negotiating for a payment of \$21,900 by the O.P.P.

The ministry of government services has promised \$21,900 for the watermain, but may grant up to \$50,000. The Environment Ministry will give \$258,750 and possibly another \$12,000.

Depending on how much money is granted, a typical homeowner's yearly water charge in Maidstone would be at least \$299.49, with a maximum of \$336.71. Similar figures for Sandwich South users would be \$303.04 and \$340.28.

Water Costs To Schools

Appeal For Subsidy...

THE ESSEX FREE PRESS, APRIL 11, 1976

The high cost of supplying water to three public buildings will be used in the second appeal of the three municipalities to the Ministry of the Environment for a 75% subsidy on costs of installation of an extended water main from Essex into Sandwich South and Maidstone Townships.

M.P.P. Richard Ruston and John Timko, head of construction of South Western Ontario for the Ministry, met with representatives of the three municipalities and the two school boards on Monday in the Maidstone Township Hall to reappraise the request.

It was brought to their attention for the first time that it will be necessary to spend \$30,000 to replace the whole plumbing system of Maidstone Central School with only a guarantee that it will last for 8 years because of the corrosive effect of the mineral laden water now being used. Currently the board is spending \$1,000 a year to maintain the plumbing in the school for the use of some 275 students.

There was no figure given on the cost of operation of St. Mary's School at Maidstone in Sandwich South Twp. but it was reported the fixtures are replaced every year and a complete change was anticipated in three years. That school has 300 students and expansion is

STAR, MAY 7, 1978

Waterline approved

The Ontario Municipal Board has approved construction of a 7,000-foot waterline to service about 40 buildings in Sandwich South Township.

The homes and businesses along County Road 42 near Lauzon Road have been getting water from wells, 16 of which were found to be contaminated about two years ago.

The township will borrow \$114,000 for a 10-year term to pay for the waterline. Property owners served by the waterline will pay back the entire cost.

The property owners, who have been boiling or trucking in their drinking water, had petitioned the township to build the line.

The ministry last year refused the subsidies and the residents and businesses decided to pay for it themselves.

STAR, DEC. 23/76

Council passed a resolution requiring all watermains built in the township's industrial area to be at least eight inches in diameter. Coun. Meredith White, a Windsor fireman, said a six-inch main would only feed one fire truck, and during fires an industrial buildings, it is not unusual to have four fire engines at work.

Share Cost

Of Survey

STAR, JULY 18, 1965

OLD CASTLE—Sandwich South has agreed to pay its share of the cost of designing, surveying and preparing working drawings for the proposed sewage treatment plant to serve sections of the township, the City of Windsor, the Village of Ojibway and the Townships of Sandwich East and West.

This amounts to 3.583 per cent of the \$125,000 total expenditure. It will be taken out of current revenue.

Townships delete watermains

THE WINDSOR STAR, SEPT. 10, 1975

ESSEX — Sandwich South and Maidstone townships have agreed to delete the 12-inch watermain on Talbot Road from College Street to the west boundary of the town from the water distribution project now under construction.

That portion of the watermain was to have been installed under the ministry of the environment with Essex paying \$40,147 as their share of the costs. However Talbot Road is to be reconstructed and new watermains will have to be installed to

replace those that must be moved. That work is being done under the ministry of transportation and subsidized 90 per cent of the equivalent cost of a six-inch main with the town picking up the cost of the difference in the increased size.

In other business council learned that the Essex outlet drain should be cleaned and cleared of all brush and silt, at a cost of \$20,397, according to the report of C. G. Russell Armstrong Limited, engineers for Colchester North Township.

The study was requested by Essex at a joint meeting of the two municipalities last spring as a means of improving drainage from the town.

Colchester North was assessed \$5,303 for its share, and Essex \$15,094. Colchester North is to maintain the drain according to the report.

Objecting to the high assessment for Essex, Mayor Edmund Michael, said he is seeking confirmation of the value of the work to the town and whether it was worth \$15,000.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH

TENDERS FOR WATERMAINS

THE WINDSOR STAR, APR. 15, 1975

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to contents, will be received by Mr. Bert R. Bedford, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Sandwich South, up until the hour of 4:00 P.M., E.D.T., on MONDAY, MAY 5th, 1975 for the construction of approximately 2,000 linear feet of 12" diameter and 1,500 linear feet of 8" diameter cement-lined, ductile iron watermain on Walker Road and King's Highway No. 3.

Plans, Specifications and Form of Tender may be obtained from the Consulting Engineers, LaFontaine, Cowie, Buratto & Associates Limited, 3260 Devon Drive, WINDSOR, Ontario, N8X 4L4, upon payment of a \$25.00 deposit, which is refundable upon return of the Contract Documents in good condition, within 15 days of the close of bidding.

Each tender is to be accompanied by a bid bond for not less than 10% of the tender price.

The successful tenderer will be required to furnish a Performance Bond for 100% of the contract price.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

MR. B. R. BEDFORD
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Sandwich South
Oldcastle Post Office
OLDCASTLE, Ontario
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LAFONTAINE, COWIE, BURATTO &
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JAN. 14, SANDWICH SOUTH 1976

THE WINDSOR STAR

Ontario Municipal Board approval has been received to spend five per cent more than the original estimate to construct a watermain along Con. 8 and Joy and Ray Roads. The original estimate, approved by the OMB in 1974, was \$73,350. The lowest tender received by council last fall was \$76,500.

Approval from the ministry of environment has been given to extend a watermain 22 feet south on Walker Road to Highway 3, and about 1,400 feet west on Highway 3 from Walker Road. The 23 assessed property owners along the watermain route will pay about \$9 a foot for the \$67,300 main. After council receives OMB approval, tenders for the construction of the watermain will be called.

Residents wait for decision on waterline

GESTO — About 50 Paquette Corner residents facing a possible water shortage will soon learn when the provincial government will begin construction of a waterline promised since 1970.

Former Essex-South PC candidate Frank Klees told about 50 people at a Colchester North Township Council meeting Monday night that Environment Minister George Kerr had said he would make a decision within 10 days on the construction of a \$1.8 million waterline from Amherstburg.

Engineering plans for the line, which will service McGregor as well as Paquette Corners and areas of Anderdon Township, have been completed since 1971. However, construction of the line has been delayed by the provincial government.

Paquette Corners residents and several area farmers have had water-supply problems since the late 1960s, when Allied Chemical began quarry operations in the area.

Residents' spokesman Larry Donais said the supply of water from area wells was unsure and, the water, at times, was colored black and brown.

Dr. D. R. McDonald, head of the Metro Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, agreed the water supply was unsure and said the possible cause was the Allied Chemical quarry operation.

"We have needed this waterline ever since I moved to Paquette Corners in 1970. We want some definite commitment from the provincial government that they will begin construction in 1977-78, as they have now promised us," Mr. Donais said.

The provincial government told the residents they would not begin construction this year as planned because of the restraint program.

Residents in Colchester North are also worried the province may decide to construct only the Anderdon Township portion of the line this year.

According to Mr. Donais, there is one waterline in Anderdon Township that is badly out of repair and will have to be replaced in the near future.

Mr. Donais said he was worried provincial funds might be directed toward the replacement of the Anderdon Township line.

Reinforcing residents' fears they will be left out again when the provincial budget is drafted, is a meeting arranged by Essex-South MPP Remo Mancini between Mr. Kerr and members of Anderdon Township Council, to discuss the proposed Amherstburg-to-McGregor waterline.

Although the waterline project is being undertaken jointly by Colchester North and Anderdon, Colchester North Council was neither informed of the meeting nor invited to it. The meeting, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today, will be attended by Colchester North Deputy-Reeve Wallace Shepley.

It was decided to send Mr. Shepley to Toronto today to attend the meeting with Mr. Kerr after residents pressured council Monday night to send a representative.

Township pushing for waterline

THE WINDSOR STAR, MAY 18, 1976

Sandwich South Township Council is continuing its attempt to provide a waterline for 29 homes and businesses along County Rd. 42 near Lauzon Road.

A survey of the 29 wells, conducted in February by the Metro Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, showed 16 wells were contaminated

and the safety of six others was termed "doubtful."

The local branch of the ministry of environment has informed the township that the ministry will not provide any subsidies for the proposed 7,000-foot waterline, which would be constructed on County Rd. 42 east and west of Lauzon Road.

Total cost of the waterline was estimated by an engineer last year to be \$109,000, and each property owner with 100 feet or more frontage would pay \$2,645.

Council now hopes to gain all local approvals for the waterline and then to appeal to the ministry of environment in Toronto for subsidy.

Monday night, council considered an amendment to the official plan to allow the construction of the watermain in agriculturally-zoned land.

One objection to the

proposed amendment was received, and the township hopes to persuade the person to withdraw the objection.

Council will meet with the Tecumseh Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today to discuss the provision of

water by the town to Sandwich South.

The Tecumseh PUC has indicated to council that it may not supply the township with water unless Sandwich South is willing to pay for expensive booster mains.

Sandwich South line will cost \$85,830

THE WINDSOR STAR, APRIL 4, 1978

Sandwich South Township has accepted a bid of \$85,830 by W. S. Fullerton Construction Co. of Windsor to build a 6,250-foot waterline along County Road 42 near Lauzon Road.

The costs will be paid by the approximately 40 property owners who will benefit from the waterline.

About two years ago, the local health unit determined that 16 wells in the area were contaminated and the safety of some other wells was also questioned.

Many of the residents in the area have to boil drinking water, or truck clean water to their homes.

The Fullerton bid is below the township engineer's estimate of \$94,000 to build the waterline.

The township received 11 bids ranging up to \$145,000 for the project.

Township residents

THE WINDSOR STAR, APRIL 24, 1976

A source of clean, clear water is often taken for granted by urban residents.

But for thousands of rural dwellers, "city water" is a costly and almost unattainable luxury.

"Our water? It smells!" says Lynn Fields, a mother of three who lives on County Rd. 42 near Lauzon Road.

Mrs. Fields is one of a group of residents in that area of Sandwich South Township who have been told that their wells are contaminate.

The Metro Windsor-Essex County Health Unit has determined that the water supply of 16 of 29 homes and businesses along County Rd. 42 near Lauzon Road is unsafe.

The safety of the water in six of the other wells has been termed doubtful.

So far, no-one has become ill from drinking the well water, which has a high

count of coliform bacteria and residents with contaminated drinking water have learned to cope with it.

The residents have requested a waterline in the area but so far the cost — \$87,000 — has been too high since the province will not provide any subsidies for construction.

Mrs. Marie Mogyorodi, a mother of three, has been boiling her family's drinking water since they were told by the health unit that their well is contaminated.

The family didn't know their water was bad until they were told by the health unit, Mrs. Mogyorodi said.

Boiling drinking water has so far not been too much of a problem.

"My family doesn't drink much water — they're always going after a Coke or a glass of milk," she said.

The Mogyorodi's had been told by the health unit

that their water supply was not contaminated when they moved into the new home last Labor Day.

But now, "When you hold up a glass of water you can see the particles," said Mr. Mogyorodi.

The water becomes more contaminated during wet weather, she added.

Mrs. Fields has been borrowing her drinking water from a neighbor who has a clean well.

Her water this spring has been the worst she has seen since moving to the location about nine years ago.

The health unit has advised the Fields to put in a cistern so they can haul water and collect rain water.

But building a cistern would become an unnecessary expense if "city water" is ever brought into the area, said Mrs. Fields.

It's the people with large

can't take water for granted

frontages who can't afford the waterline, she added.

An elderly couple living nearby, who didn't want their names used, have about

200 feet of frontage and they say that if the waterline goes in, it will cost them about \$5,000.

The couple used to live on

a farm before moving to the County Rd. 42 home about nine years ago.

Although the woman said the price is "outrageous," she said they are willing to

bear their share of the costs. "It doesn't really bother us because we are used to this water, but we aren't going to stand in the way of people who want it."

Feb. 23, 1979 - Essex Free Press:

WATERMAIN APPROVED

An 1,150 foot extension of a watermain out of Tecumseh that is a joint project with Sandwich South Township was given approval by the Planning Board of Maidstone Township. The extension would serve four homes in Maidstone Township and about the same number in Sandwich South, as well as the St. Mark's School, owned by the Essex County Separate School Board. It would run from the Tecumseh Line along County Road No. 42 in the County Road No. 19 area.

Tremor-proof line nears completion

KINGSVILLE — The next time an earth tremor strikes this area, Harold Sanger will have fewer worries about Union Water System running dry.

Construction of \$385,000 water system, which began in September, should be completed by the end of this month.

The ministry of environment is financing the project and Union Water System, the utility which provides water to Leamington, Essex and Kingsville, the townships of Mersea, Gosfield South, Gosfield North, Maidstone and Rochester and the H. J. Heinz Co., will repay the debenture over 20 years.

Installation of the main has caused a few "tremors" for 15 Wellington Street homeowners, many of whom tried prevent construction of the line two years ago.

Mrs. Edgar Rivait said the residents wanted the new line installed near the original one because they feared the work would cause damage to their property.

But they abandoned their fight, when the utility convinced them the line had to be installed on Wellington.

With the installation of a new, stronger main between Union's only low lift pump and its filtration plant, Sanger said the system will be more secure against breaks caused by earth tremors.

The original line, located beside County Road 45, about 500 feet from the new line, was built 19 years ago on unstable ground, he said.

He said if an earth tremor occurred, breaking the line, "we'd be out of water."

He said the area is not immune to earth tremors.

There was a slight tremor in the area last year.

"Rather than placing all our eggs in one basket, we have gone ahead and installed a new (main)," he said.

Val-Ros/Construction Ltd. of Oldcastle, is installing about 3,000 feet of 36-inch reinforced concrete pipe from the low lift pump, up the Lake Erie bluffs, along Wellington Street and across Highway 18 to the filtration plant on County Road 45.

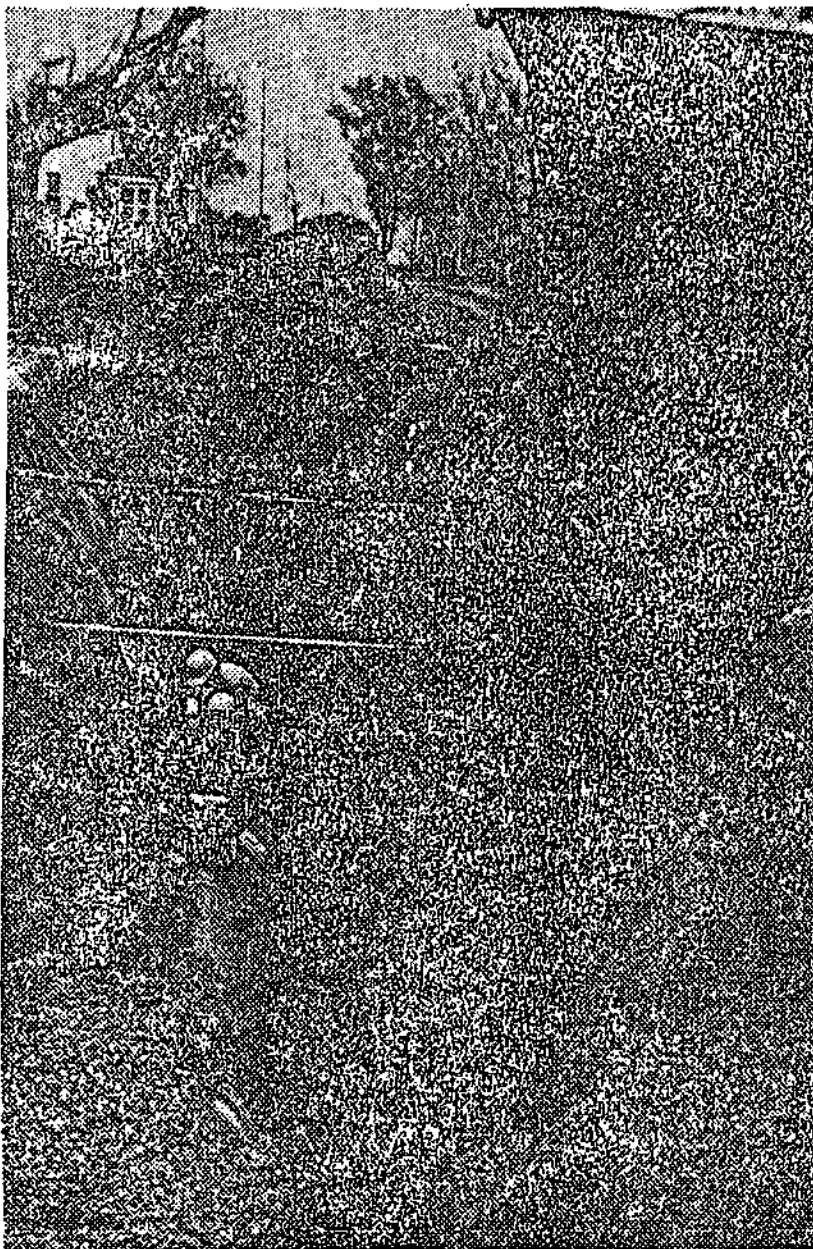
Mrs. Herbert Preston, also of Wellington Street, said children may enjoy watching the construction, but it has caused some headaches for the adults.

"We live on a corner lot and everybody parks their car on our lawn because they can't get through (the street)," she said. Dust has become a problem and driving on the street is difficult.

Sanger says damage, such as torn up sod, will be repaired. "Next spring, their road will be rebuilt and it will be in better condition than it was when we started."

Sanger said the new line will increase the filtration plant's drawing power from 14 million gallons a day to 50 million gallons.

"Once all the work is done, it will probably last us for 20 to 25 years," Sanger said, and the utility would be able to expand its area of service.



(Photo by BRIAN CHRISTMAS)

EASY DOES IT — Philip Norcini new Union water system main being and Carman Staine guide a 36-inch installed along Wellington concrete pipe into position as part of a Gosfield South Township.

Residents asked to pay full watermain cost

THE WINDSOR STAR, AUGUST 16, 1977

Forty-two Sandwich South residents will be asked to pay the entire cost of a watermain on County Road 42.

Township council agreed Monday to draft a bylaw authorizing the installation of the 6,250-foot watermain. The estimated cost of \$111,540 would be paid entirely by the 42 users.

If the proposed bylaw is approved by council, the 42

residents will be given opportunity to file objections.

If objections are filed, the bylaw would be sent to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing.

The draft bylaw could contain provisions to charge each user for 100 feet of frontage at a cost of \$23.87 per foot, regardless of the size of the lot.

In addition, there would be surcharges of about \$700 for

private connection and installation fees to individual residents.

Ed Lafontaine, municipal consulting engineer, said users could be charged on a frontage basis rather than asked to pay the 100-foot charge. If that method were adopted, he said, some users would pay much more than others.

Discussion of the issue brought some objections

from the 27 homeowners gathered in council's chambers Monday.

Some residents on fixed incomes objected to the proposed 100-foot-frontage method of payment because they said it protected the interests of the larger landowners.

But a majority of the homeowners at the meeting preferred the 100-foot method of payment when council

asked for a show of hands in the issue.

Construction could begin within the next six months, the reeve said, unless there is an objection to the bylaw. If there objections, he said, it could be a year before an OMB hearing can be scheduled.

The environment ministry has said there can be no further residential development in the area without the new watermain.

However, despite statements by the Metro Windsor-Essex County Health Unit that most of the connections in the area are contaminated, the ministry has offered no financial assistance to install the pipeline.

"We were far down on the list of priorities of the ministry," Reeve Robert Pulleyblank reported.

The ministry is paying for 75 per cent of the new watermain along Walker Road in Colchester North and Anderton townships.

Feb. 23, 1979 — E.F.P.— WATERMAIN APPROVED: An 1,150 foot extension of a watermain out of Tecumseh that is a joint project with Sandwich South Township, was given approval by the Planning Board of Maidstone Township.

The extension would serve four homes in Maidstone Township and about the same number in Sandwich South as well as the St. Mark's School, owned by the Essex County Separate School Board. It would run from the Tecumseh Line along County Road #42 in the County Road #19 area.