



GRAND VALLEY

## STAFF REPORT

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk  
**Meeting Date:** December 9, 2025  
**Report Number:** 2025-210  
**Subject:** Lameront/Sahm Drainage Works Levying By-law

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### Recommendation

**THAT** Council receives Report – Lameront/Sahm Drainage Works Levying By-law  
**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs staff to prepare and present for passing a Levying By-law to provide for the levying of the costs resulting from the construction of the Lameront/Sahm Drainage Works authorized by By-law Number 2024-29.

### Executive Summary

#### Purpose

To seek Council approval of the by-law to levy the costs of constructing the Lameront/Sahm Drainage Works.

#### Key Findings

- Drain has been completed.
- Costs of the project must be levied on the applicable property owners.

#### Financial Implications

The Town shall levy the applicable property owners to recover the costs of constructing this new municipal drain.

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## Report

### Background

On September 15, 2021, the Town of Grand Valley received a petition for Drainage Works signed by Gerald Lameront and Angelika Sahm, owners of the S ½ Lot 32, Concession 7, in the former Township of East Luther.

The petition was accepted by Council on September 28, 2021, and R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited were appointed to prepare a report under Section 8 of the Drainage Act. Tom Pridham, P.Eng., Drainage Engineer, was subsequently designated as the Engineer in charge of the project.

### Discussion

On November 13, 2021, a site meeting was held at the Amaranth-East Luther Townline adjacent to the S ½ Lot 32, Concession 7. Mr. Lameront indicated the petition was submitted in order to secure an outlet for pending systematic underdrainage of the property. Prior to the meeting, the Tiling Contractor retained by the petitioners provided a tile plan showing the proposed outlet locations and the required depths at the north property line.

On June 3, 2024, Tom Pridham, P.Eng. filed his report entitled the Lameront/Sahm Drainage Works. The report dated May 30, 2024, provided for the excavation of 525 m of Open Drain plus associated work including stripping and replacing topsoil. Construction of the drain has been completed.

It is now appropriate to prepare and adopt a Levying By-Law (Attachment 'A') to amend the original assessments contained in the authorizing By-Law to reflect the final actual costs. Once passed, the final net assessments will be levied to the assessed owners in the same proportions specified in the Engineer's report. The application for grant will be completed and submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, subsequent to the passing of the Levying By-Law.

The Engineer's report provided the owners with an estimated assessment. The Levying By-Law will provide an actual assessment to be levied. Each affected owner in the Town of Grand Valley will receive an invoice for the drain construction. The Township of Amaranth will be invoiced as well. It is the Townships' responsibility to notify and collect the net assessments in their Municipality.

Any questions or concerns regarding the final levy can be directed to the Drainage Engineer.

### **Financial Impact**

The Engineer's report provided an assessment schedule for the work. The assessment schedule included lands and roads in the Town of Grand Valley and in the Township of Amaranth. Agricultural lands currently taxed at the Farm Property Class Tax Rate were eligible for a one-third grant from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness on their total assessment.

The improvements have now been completed. The estimated cost of the work was \$185,000.00. The final cost of the work is \$193,913.40, which is approximately 4.8% higher than the Engineer's estimate.

### **Consultations**

The report was circulated, and the Consideration of the Report and the Court of Revision were held. By-Law Number 2024-29 was subsequently given third reading on August 13, 2024, authorizing the completion of the work as outlined in the report.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Levying By-law

Attachment 2 – Schedule A to Levying By-law

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