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Re: Hannon Creek Subwatershed - North Glanbrook Industrial Business Park Master Drainage Plan (PW08031a) - (Wards 6, 7, 9 and 11)

Council Direction:

Staff were to report back to Public Works Committee regarding the Hannon Creek Subwatershed - North Glanbrook Industrial Business Park Master Drainage Plan.

Information:

The North Glanbrook Industrial Business Park (NGIBP) is an industrial-commercial area in the south-central part of the City of Hamilton. The majority of the NGIBP is located within the Hannon Creek subwatershed. In order to facilitate responsible future development through appropriate servicing, a Subwatershed Study and Master Drainage Plan for the Hannon Creek Subwatershed and the NGIBP has been developed.

The purpose of this study was to develop a Master Drainage Plan for the Hannon Creek Subwatershed and NGIBP. This process was carried out in the context of a subwatershed study, including aquatic and terrestrial studies and the development of a management strategy for the area. This plan will be a supporting document to other ongoing Planning and Public Works initiatives.

Report PW08031 was presented to the Public Works Committee on March 31, 2008, but was Tabled as the developer had concerns with the location of one of the stormwater ponds. The Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) also expressed concerns with the removal of some of the previously proposed stormwater management ponds (from the Mountain Brow Boulevard and Central Mountain Stormwater Management EA) and the replacement of those ponds with ones further upstream.

Staff had discussions with the developer in April and May 2008 and with HCA in May. The developer has provided an alternative that appears to address both the their concerns about having a pond on their lands, as well as some of the HCA concerns about needing a quality control facility closer to the high constraint portions of Hannon Creek. The consultants are reviewing the technical details of this proposal.
Next Steps:

A Public Information Centre to receive public input and to review further revisions to the Final Master Drainage Plan is planned in early Fall and technical reports will be received by City staff in early Fall. Public Works and Planning staff will review these reports and will report back to Public Works Committee in late Fall 2008, with recommendations regarding the future direction of the Class EA.

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