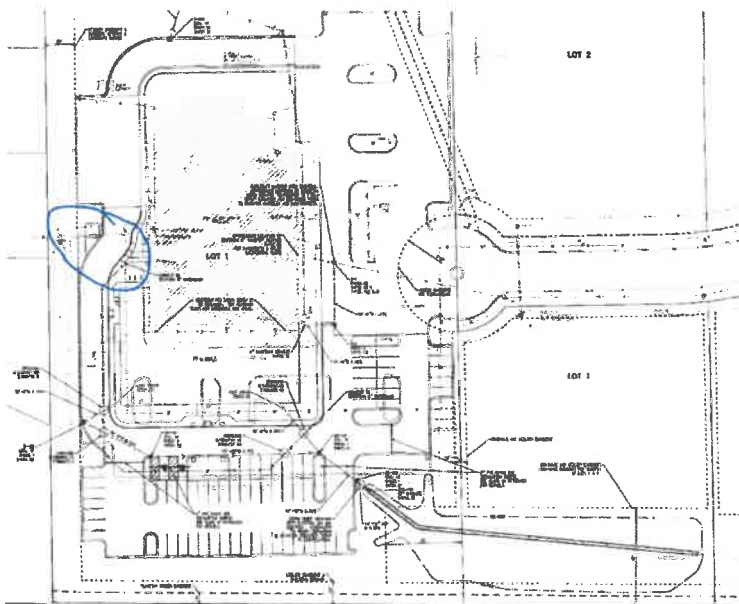




Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director
DATE: June 8, 2018
SUBJECT: Private Hydrant Flushing Agreement
w/ OSF at Saint Claire Crossing

Staff recently met with OSF to help resolve an ongoing issue of sedimentation and PVC debris in OSF's 6" private main. This material is accumulating in their backflow preventer strainer and causing it to leak. This has only been an issue since their expansion in 2014 / 2015 and our staff has no reports of similar complaints in the neighborhood. OSF's plans also did not include a fire or flushing hydrant at the rear of their building, off of their private 6" service.



We feel, and OSF agrees, that the addition of a hydrant would help alleviate some of these problems. OSF has no problem contracting for this work themselves and would like to start within the next few weeks to a month. They would however like to enter into a Flushing Agreement with the City, whereby the City flushes the hydrant as part of our

routine flushing. It is understood that we would not accept ownership of the private main or the hydrant, just flush it under our schedule.

CoW staff believes that this is an ideal arrangement since we really don't want them flushing that hydrant without our oversight. Staff monitors the tower levels closely when our crews are flushing to ensure that we don't draw down the towers below an acceptable capacity level.

Such agreement can be prepared for Resolution adoption if agreeable to Committee of the Whole. A straw poll of individual PWC members found this to be an acceptable arrangement. Said language would iterate that this arrangement would only be germane to flushing and would not include maintenance or upkeep.