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## Information Memo

To: Council-In-Committee Meeting  
Date: November 15, 2023  
Division: Corporate Services  
Department: Realty Services  
Ward: Ward 7  
Subject: Bonnieheath Pit – Remediation Progress Update

### Recommendation(s):

That the Information Memo regarding the Bonnieheath Pit – Remediation Progress Update be received as information.

### Background

The County owned property at 358 Concession Road 12, Townsend, also known as the Bonnieheath Pit, was used for many years as an outdoor firearms training facility by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

In June 2015, by Court Order, Justice Skarica issued an interim and permanent injunction against the use of the property as an outdoor firearms training facility. All relevant parties within the OPP were advised of the court decision, all shooting was ended, and the site was posted as “Closed” on June 20, 2015.

Since that time staff have provided Council with three (3) Information Memos regarding the OPP’s remediation progress of the site. These Information Memos are attached for Council’s information.

The purpose of this Information Memo is to provide Council with the latest update on the progress of remediation as provided by the OPP.

### Discussion:

On September 27, 2023, the OPP provided an update on their plans with respect to the former OPP firing ranges located at 358 Concession Road 12, Townsend. In May 2022, the OPP sought funding approval for initiation of soil remediation work in fiscal year 2023-24. In the past two years the OPP have been working on procurements for various environmental remediation projects of former ranges within their portfolio, and as a result they now have a better sense of realistic timelines for the multiple layers of procurement approvals and are modifying procedures to improve the overall delivery of remediation projects. To that end, the OPP is proposing to start with a separate project

to procure environmental services to complete full contamination delineation and obtain more accurate estimates of volumes of contaminated soils, and remedial options analysis. This would be followed by application for funding for remediation and remediation oversight.

The new tentative projected timelines are:

- Fiscal year 2023-24 and into 24-25: Procure environmental services consultant who will complete contamination delineation and remedial options report. No monitoring is currently planned for this fiscal year (2023-24).
- Fiscal Year 24-25: OPP applies for funding approval for remediation based upon full delineation report.
- Fiscal Year 25-26: Procurement for remediation and remediation oversight.

#### **Financial Services Comments:**

There are no immediate tangible financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed remediation activities as outlined in this report.

#### **Attachment(s):**

- Attachment A: Information Memo dated October 27, 2017
- Attachment B: Information Memo dated May 18, 2018
- Attachment C: Information Memo dated August 18, 2020

#### **Conclusion:**

Staff will continue to monitor the progress of the remediation and provide Council with further updates as required.

#### **Approval:**

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