

BUDGET COMMITTEE REQUEST:

Staff request that a new project be included in the 2026 capital budget for the Morrison Wedgewood Channel Diversion Mitigation Study in the amount of \$600,000 to be funded by recoveries from Conservation Halton and from the Town's Capital Reserve.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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KEY FACTS:

- Conservation Halton (CH) recently completed Flood Hazard Mapping Study – Sixteen Mile Creek to Lower Morrison Creek.
- CH and Town of Oakville will co-lead a flood mitigation study to review potential opportunities to address identified spill.
- Staff request that new capital project be created in the amount of \$600,000 funded 50% by the Town's Capital Reserve and 50% recovered from CH.

COMMENTS/OPTIONS:

Staff will conduct an RFP to retain a consultant to undertake a Morrison Wedgewood Channel Diversion Mitigation Study in conjunction with Conservation Halton (CH). In 2025, CH completed the Flood Hazard Mapping Study – Sixteen Mile Creek to Lower Morrison Creek. This mapping study formalized, under CH regulations, the extent of spill from the CH-owned Morrison Wedgewood Diversion channel southwards to developed and developing (i.e. Midtown) lands both east and west of Trafalgar Road and north and south of Hwy 403.

The next step is to conduct a flood mitigation study to review potential opportunities to address identified spill. In consultation with CH in November 2025, it was agreed that the study is to be co-led by CH and the Town of Oakville to ensure a balanced evaluation of the study. The estimated cost of the Diversion Mitigation Study is \$600,000, to be split between the two organizations. To ensure there are sufficient funds to award, the new capital request is for the full amount, with 50% of the funding source to be recoveries from CH and with the remaining 50% to be funded from the Town's Capital Reserve.