



# City of Grand Forks Staff Report (UPDATED FEBRUARY 19, 2019)



**Committee of the Whole – February 11, 2019**  
**City Council – February 19, 2019**

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**Agenda Item:** Special Assessment District for City Project 7540, District No. 567 – Oscarville Storm Sewer, Storm Pond, Pump Station, and Discharge Ditch

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**Staff Recommended Action:** Create Special Assessment District for Project No. 7540, District No. 567 – Oscarville Storm Sewer, Storm Pond, Pump Station, and Discharge Ditch

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**Committee Recommended Action:**

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**Council Action:**

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## **BACKGROUND:**

This project consists of installing a storm sewer collection system, stormwater pond, pump station, and discharge ditch to serve properties in the Oscarville, Senske, Lemm's Acres Subdivisions, and a future development north of 27<sup>th</sup> Ave North. The boundaries of the future development area are currently undefined, but will be finalized as part of this project. The attached district map shows the location of the project.

The Oscarville area has a long history of drainage problems and localized flooding, in part due to the undersized ditches that currently exist and high water table. This project will address these stormwater issues. Except for 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, there are no paved roads in the area. Property owners have expressed desire for pavement, and this project is a necessary step before paving can occur in the district.

All costs for this project will be special assessed to the benefitting properties with the exception of a 15% city share of the regional pond construction. Per City policy, the City's participation level for regional stormwater ponds is determined by the drainage area of the pond. The proposed Oscarville pond would serve approximately 87 acres, which corresponds to a maximum 15% City contribution. The City share will be paid for out of Stormwater Fund 5400.

Sewer is considered a health/safety infrastructure improvement project and therefore cannot be protested per State law.

Typically an Engineer's Report would be recommended for approval concurrent with creation of the assessment district. A cost estimate for construction of this project is currently being prepared, and an additional staff report with the Engineer's Report and timetable will be brought forward to the Committee of the Whole and City Council at a later date.

### **ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- All costs for this project, including funding this Agreement, will be special assessed to the benefitting properties, excluding a 15% City share of the regional pond.
- The City share of construction will be paid out of Stormwater Fund 5400.
- The proposed service area has been in need of a storm sewer system for years.
- Property owners in the area have repeatedly requested that the City pave or otherwise improve gravel/dirt roadways in the area which at times become unpassable due to poor drainage.
- Before paving can begin in the district storm sewer must be installed to address drainage of the area.

### **SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- Assessment District Map (1 page)

ENGLISH COULEE  
DIVERSION



INTERSTATE NO. 29

BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD

N 44TH ST

N 42ND ST

27TH AVE N

20TH AVE N

# OSCARVILLE STORM SEWER, STORM POND, PUMP STATION, AND DISCHARGE DITCH

## LEGEND

PROJECT # 7540

DISTRICT # 567

 ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY

 PROJECT LIMITS

 CITY LIMITS

 FUTURE ASSESSMENT  
DISTRICT