

COURT OF REVISION - AGENDA Pursuant to the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990

Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 6:45 PM

**Council Chambers** 

2021 Division Road N

Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 2Y9

A. OPENING COURT OF REVISION

# B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

When a member of the Court has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any matter which is the subject of consideration at this Court of Revision (or that was the subject of consideration at the previous Court of Revision at which the member was not in attendance), the member shall disclose the pecuniary interest and its general nature, prior to any consideration of the matter.

# C. ORDER OF APPEALS OF ASSESSMENTS

# 1. Henderson Drain and Branches Bridge Maintenance Sharing

K. Vegh, Drainage Superintendent and G. Rood, P. Eng.

i) Notice of Sitting of Court of Revision, dated April 18, 2017

ii) Excerpt of the Report Consideration Minutes, dated April 10, 2017.

 iii) By-law 36-2017, being a by-law to provide a report for bridge maintenance sharing on the Henderson Drain & Branches, in the Town of Kingsville, in the County of Essex

# **Recommended Action**

Approve the Schedule of Assessment for the Henderson Drain and Branches Bridge Maintenance Sharing, Town of Kingsville (Rood Engineering Inc. Project 2015D019).

# D. CLOSE COURT OF REVISION

E. ADJOURNMENT

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Notice of Sitting of Court of Revision Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 17, subs. 46(1) and (2)

#### **Re: Henderson Drain & Branches**

Take notice that your property is assessed for the maintenance of the above mentioned drainage works under section 76 of the *Drainage Act*. Attached is a provisional by-law exclusive of the engineer's report. Details of your assessment are contained in the engineer's report dated March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, which has been previously sent to you or is available at the municipal office.

An owner of land assessed for the drainage works may appeal to the Court of Revision on any of the following grounds:

- Any land or road has been assessed an amount that is too high or too low;
- Any land or road that should have been assessed has not been assessed; and/or
- Due consideration has not been given to the use being made of the land.

Pursuant to section 52(1) of the *Drainage Act*, objections or appeals to the assessment must be forwarded in writing, to the <u>attention of the Clerk</u>, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the Court of Revision.

The Court of Revision will take place:

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. Town of Kingsville Municipal Office 2021 Division Road North, Kingsville

DATED at the Town of Kingsville the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

Ken Vegh

Ken Vegh, CRS Drainage Superintendent

Right of Appeal – Any owner of land or public utility affected by the above mentioned drainage works may appeal to the Referee regarding legal issues or the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal regarding technical issues within forty (40) days of the sending of this notice. *Drainage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 17, subs. 47(1) and 48(1).

# The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville

Excerpt from the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes dated April 10, 2017

# F. MATTERS SUBJECT TO NOTICE

# 1. Drainage Report Consideration--Henderson Drain and Branches-Bridge Maintenance Sharing

Engineer Rood presented his report to Council.

Comments from the audience:

1642 Road 2 West, requested clarification regarding payment of repairs outlined in the report. He also indicated that the report took over 2 years to complete and whether that timeframe is excessive. K. Vegh indicated that no further work needs to be done and there now is a mechanism in place to estimate the cost for bridge repairs. Mr. Vegh also indicated that drainage reports must be accurate and the 2 year duration is not excessive to ensure the accuracy.

1364 Road 2 West - inquired whether the whole project is complete. Mr. Vegh, indicated that the entire project is not completed. Mr. Vegh anticipates that the Town will be billing out the works that are complete and will continue with the works south of Road 2. A separate bill will be issued once those works are completed.

1288 Road 2 West - asked whether Bridge 16 was going to be removed and not replaced, as it is redundant and not used. The resident indicated that Bridge 11 can also be reduced in size. Mr. Vegh asked the resident to contact him to discuss the noted changes.

# 289-2017

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gord Queen Seconded by Councillor Tony Gaffan

Council adopt Engineer's Report dated March 9, 2017 for the Henderson Drain and Branches Bridge Maintenance Sharing (Rood Engineering Inc., Consulting Engineers, Project 2015D019), read By-law 36-2017 a first and second time only at this Regular Meeting; and schedule Court of Revision for a future date.

CARRIED

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

# BY-LAW 36-2017

#### Being a by-law to provide a report for bridge maintenance sharing on the Henderson Drain & Branches in the Town of Kingsville, in the County of Essex

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Kingsville, in the County of Essex, has procured a report under section 76 of the *Drainage Act* for Henderson Drain & Branches;

**AND WHEREAS** the report dated March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 has been authored by Gerard Rood, P. Eng. and the attached report forms part of this by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** \$10,000.00 is the amount to be contributed by the Town of Kingsville for the drainage works;

**AND WHEREAS** Council is of the opinion that the report of the area is desirable;

# THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE, PURSUANT TO THE DRAINAGE ACT ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

#### 1. AUTHORIZATION

The attached report is adopted and the drainage works is authorized and shall be completed as specified in the report.

#### 2. BORROWING

The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville may borrow on the credit of the Corporation the amount of \$10,000.00 being the amount necessary for the completion of the drainage works.

#### 3. DEBENTURES

The Corporation may arrange for the issue of debenture(s) on its behalf for the amount borrowed less the total amount of:

- a) Grants received under section 85 of the Drainage Act;
- b) Monies paid as allowances;
- c) Commuted payments made in respect of lands and roads assessed with the municipality;
- d) Money paid under subsection 61(3) of the Drainage Act, and
- e) Money assessed in and payable by another municipality.

#### 4. PAYMENT

Such debenture(s) shall be made payable within 2 (two) years from the date of the debenture(s) and shall bear interest at a rate not higher than 2% more than the municipal lending rates as posted by Infrastructure Ontario on the date of sale of such debenture(s).

- A special equal annual rate sufficient to redeem the principal and interest on the debenture(s) shall be levied upon the lands and roads as shown in the schedule and shall be collected in the same manner and at the same as other taxes are collected in each year for 2 (two) after the passing of this by-law.
- 2) For paying the amount \$10,000.00 being the amount assessed upon the lands and roads belonging to or controlled by the municipality a special rate sufficient to pay the amount assessed plus interest thereon shall be levied upon the whole rateable property in the Town of Kingsville in each year for 2 (two) after the passing of this by-law to be collected in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes collected.

3) All assessments of \$100.00 or less are payable in the first year in which the assessments are imposed.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS OF LAND AND ROADS

Assessments are to be utilized as outlined in the attached engineer's report (Schedule A) page 6, part VI.

# 6. CITATION

This by-law comes into force on the passing thereof and may be cited as the "Henderson Drain & Branches – Bridge Maintenance Sharing" by-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME AND PROVISIONALLY ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

MAYOR, Nelson Santos

CLERK, Jennifer Astrologo

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED ON THIS DAY OF 2017.

MAYOR, Nelson Santos

CLERK, Jennifer Astrologo

# HENDERSON DRAIN & BRANCHES BRIDGE MAINTENANCE SHARING

**Geographic Township of Gosfield South** 

TOWN OF KINGSVILLE



# TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

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> REI Project 2015D019 March 9th, 2017

March 9th, 2017

Mayor and Municipal Council Corporation of the Town of Kingsville 2021 Division Road North Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 2Y9

Mayor Santos and Members of Council:

HENDERSON DRAIN & BRANCHES Bridge Maintenance Sharing Geographic Twp. of Gosfield South *REI Project 2015D019* Town of Kingsville, County of Essex

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Further to instructions from Council at their April 13th, 2015 meeting and as outlined in the correspondence from your Drainage Superintendent Ken Vegh, dated April 22nd, 2015, we have proceeded with an Engineer's Report to review the existing drainage works and the drainage area served by the Henderson Drain & Branches. These branches include the Henderson Drain East, South and West Branches, along with the 2nd Concession Branch. This investigation was initiated by a resolution passed by Council to prepare a report for assessment of maintenance work on the bridges on the Henderson Drain & Branches so that the cost of future maintenance works on these drain bridges may be more fairly assessed in accordance with current practice. This investigation, our instructions, and this assessment report are in accordance with Section 76 of the "Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D.17, as amended 2010".

The Town of Kingsville is proposing to undertake maintenance works on some of the bridges along the Henderson Drain & Branches. Provisions for bridge maintenance cost sharing are not established within the current drainage report, such that updated information is necessary in order to properly distribute the cost of maintenance on these bridges to all affected landowners. This report establishes cost sharing utilizing current practices which shall provide a basis for levying any future maintenance costs for work to the bridges.

#### II. DRAINAGE HISTORY

The Henderson Drain & Branches is located entirely within the Town of Kingsville. The drainage basin served by the Henderson Drain & Branches consists of approximately 242.8 hectares (600 acres). The upper end of the main Henderson Drain commences at the north side of Road 2 West at the junction with the East Branch and 2nd Concession Branch. The drain extends westerly and turns southerly under the roadway at the point where the West Branch enters, and continues southerly to the junction with the South Branch. It then turns and flows westerly and southwesterly to the point where it becomes a natural watercourse near the midpoint of Lot 4, 4th Section Western Division, as shown on the watershed plan. The various Branches as noted

above are also shown on the attached watershed plan and discharge their flows through the main Henderson Drain. The 2nd Concession Branch includes an extension westerly from its original upper end near the midpoint of Lot D, Concession 2, to the line between Lot C and Lot D, Concession 2.

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A review of the Municipal drainage records indicates that the last major work of repair and improvement to the Henderson Drain & Branches was completed under the Engineer's Report dated December 13th, 1978 prepared by William J. Setterington, P.Eng. Other more recent reports have addressed various sections of the drain and branches and includes reports for bridge replacements. The April 8th, 1991 reconsidered report by Lou Zarlenga, P.Eng., provided for the extension of the 2nd Concession Branch. The current maintenance schedule of assessment for the drain and branches was established in the December 13th, 1978 report prepared by William J. Setterington, P.Eng.

An on-site meeting with the affected Owners was scheduled for June 24th, 2015. The meeting was attended by the following people: Jake Ketler, Rod Stapleton, Chris Dame, Earl & Bev Haggins, Gary Beaulieu, Robert Sundin, William Balkwill, Stuart Sykes, Margaret Pare, Al Marentette, Al Sauve, Glenn Thorpe, Dave Kendrick, Henry Denotter, Mark Balkwill, Kim Lewis, Ken Vegh (Kingsville Drainage Superintendent), and Gerard Rood (Rood Engineering). Mr. Vegh provided a history of the drainage works and told the owners that work was proceeding in accordance with Section 76 of the Drainage Act. It was explained that this section of the Drainage Act provides for varying the original assessments for maintenance. The Town intends to carry out maintenance work to bridges on the drainage system and wants to ensure that the proper lands affected by the bridges are assessed at appropriate rates for Benefit and Outlet Liability. The drainage report will provide cost sharing of the bridges so that the cost of any works to them are shared fairly between the affected owner and the upstream lands and roads in accordance with current practice.

Mr. Rood and Mr. Vegh explained that cost sharing is based on the location of the bridge along the drainage works. A standard bridge near the midpoint of the drain reach would typically be assessed 50% as Benefit to the lands served by the bridge and 50% to the upstream affected lands and roads based on their Outlet Liability in the current schedule of assessment. Bridges upstream of the midpoint are typically assessed a higher Benefit ratio to the lands served by the bridge, while bridges downstream of the midpoint are typically assessed a lower Benefit ratio to the lands served by the bridge. In this way the assessment reflects the contribution of flows by the upstream lands and roads and the impact of the flows on the sizing of the bridge. The owners were advised that road bridges are normally assessed approximately 98% to the road authority and 2% to the upstream lands and roads. This is a consequence of Section 26 of the Drainage Act that states that road authorities and utilities are responsible for any increase in cost to the drainage works associated with their structures being there. It was explained that a standard bridge is deemed to have a 6.1m (20') top width with standard Granular "A" top and suitable end protection. The cost for additional length and top width, drain enclosure, or special treatment to a bridge are considered to be a direct benefit to and assessed entirely to the owners of the lands served by the bridge or enclosure.

The preparation and submission of the report was reviewed along with the procedure under the Drainage Act for scheduling of a Consideration meeting and Court of Revision meeting. The right to appeal certain matters to the Tribunal and Drainage Referee were discussed. Grants to

agriculture lands are still available but only for work done pursuant to the Drainage Act and an Engineer's Report. Owners were invited to contact the Engineer or Drainage Superintendent if there were any questions on the project.

#### III. INVESTIGATIONS AND FINDINGS

The purpose of the on-site meeting was to explain that the Town needs to carry out maintenance to some of the bridges along the drainage system. From the Town review of the existing drainage reports it is evident that there is a lack of proper sharing for bridge work and accordingly the Town has appointed the Engineer to prepare an updated Sharing Schedule prior to the work being completed.

The report will provide for sharing cost of work to access bridges along the course of the drainage system. Assessment for maintenance work depends on where the work is done and who is involved, generally being the adjacent and upstream landowners.

Any required work to the drain bridges will be carried out as a maintenance project and not a capital project. The owners are advised that public meetings will be scheduled and notices for same will be sent out along with a copy of this Drainage Report that includes updated Maintenance Sharing for bridges. The Owners are advised that they may contact either the Drainage Superintendent or the Engineer, if any questions arise in the interim.

Subsequent to the on-site meeting we carried out a topographic survey to establish the location of all the bridges in the drainage system. We also made visual inspections and recorded notes on the details of each bridge and their general condition. We reviewed the past engineers reports and find that provisions were made for the upkeep and maintenance of all the access and farm bridges located by our survey except for Bridge 18.

Based on our investigations and the information obtained subsequent to the on-site meeting, we have established the following.

#### **SUMMARY OF BRIDGES**

#### Henderson Drain (main channel)

Bridge <u>No.</u> 6	<b>Names</b> <u>Roll Number</u> Town of Kingsville, Road 2 West	<b>Description</b> Concrete highway bridge with open bottom and exposed footings; some deterioration of concrete including cracks, spalling and exposed reinforcing steel; bridge in fair condition
7	Derek & Henry Denotter, 380-00300	850mm diameter C.S.P. with fiberglass pipes inserted with concrete filled jute bag end protection; bridge top is in fair

condition but C.S.P. is rotted with fiberglass pipe inserts okay

800mm diameter C.S.P. with broken

concrete and rock sloped ends; pipe is half

450mm diameter C.S.P. driveway pipe and

lawn enclosure extending across to next

driveway Bridge 11; rip rap end protection; pipe half full with sediment and badly

450mm diameter C.S.P. driveway pipe and lawn enclosure extending across to next

driveway Bridge 10; loose bricks end

protection; pipe half full with sediment and

filled with sediment and badly rusted

- Joshua Beaulieu,850mm diameter C.S.P. with broken380-00250concrete pieces end protection; pipe is<br/>badly rusted at the bottom
- 17Nancy Bacon,<br/>330-052001900mm span by 1000mm rise C.S.P. arch<br/>with concrete filled jute bag ends; bridge is<br/>in very poor condition with sides rusted out

and bridge collapsing

legal access

rusted

badly rusted

18Jeffery & Rachel Lewis,<br/>330-02250Essentially a foot bridge comprised of<br/>approximately 7 telephone poles lying side<br/>by side and spanning the channel; not a

#### East Branch

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- 9 Manley Thorpe & Janice Breemhaar, Est. Trustee, 380-00220
- 10 Manley Thorpe & Janice Breemhaar, Est. Trustee, 380-00220
- 11 Manley Thorpe & Janice Breemhaar, Est. Trustee, 380-00220

#### South Branch

13Christopher Lewis,<br/>330-05400750mm diameter H.D.P.E. pipe; sloped<br/>vegetated ends; narrow top width; appears<br/>to be secondary access for personal use14Christopher Lewis,<br/>330-05400850mm diameter C.S.P. on east end with<br/>concrete filled jute bag end and 750mm

concrete filled jute bag end and 750mm diameter H.D.P.E. extension on west end with sloped rip rap protection; primary access for farm field; the C.S.P. is badly rusted with perforations through the pipe wall;

15	David & Jamie Kendrick, 330-05500	850mm diameter C.S.P. with concrete filled jute bag ends; pipe is badly rusted		
16	Manley Thorpe & Janice Breemhaar, Est. Trustee, 330-05650	400mm diameter C.S.P. with broken concrete pipe pieces stacked end treatment; pipe is badly rusted with perforations and sink hole on west end		
<u>West Branch</u>				
1	Charles & Catherine Sykes, 380-00450	750mm diameter C.S.P. with rip rap ends and asphalt driveway; significant silt accumulated inside pipe and pipe beginning to rust below springline; primary access		
2	Charles & Catherine Sykes, 380-00450	750mm diameter C.S.P. with rip rap ends; newer pipe installed in 2011, secondary access		
3	Sarah Barnard, 380-00460	800mm diameter C.S.P. with rip rap ends; pipe in good condition		
4	James George, 380-00401	800mm diameter C.S.P. with broken concrete pieces, gabion stone and beach stone end protection; asphalt driveway and timber railings each side; pipe badly rusted with perforations at springline		
5	Beverly & Earl Haggins, 380-00400	800mm diameter C.S.P. with concrete filled jute bag ends; pipe in good condition		
2nd Concession Branch				
12	Derek & Henry Denotter, 380-00300	900mm diameter fiberglass pipe with sloped vegetated ends; bridge in satisfactory condition although top width is		

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The assessment for access bridges is not shown in the old drainage report that provided for repair and improvement of the drain. The current practice is that work to bridges would be a recurring cost for the upkeep and maintenance of each of the structures shared between the bridge owner and upstream lands including roads where affected.

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#### IV. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

In order to properly assess any maintenance works to bridges on the Henderson Drain & Branches it will be necessary to establish cost sharing for use with the Schedule of Assessment within the current governing Engineer's Report dated December 13th, 1978 prepared by William Setterington, P.Eng. We recommend that the current Schedule of Assessment be utilized in establishing the sharing to upstream lands and roads of the Outlet Liability costs for each bridge on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the bridge cost sharing table included in our report.

Furthermore, in order that a mechanism exists by which the Town can undertake maintenance works on all the existing bridges, we recommend that they all be maintained in the future as part of the drainage works, except for Bridge 18 which is not a standard legal access bridge. This bridge would have to be replaced with a standard access bridge at 100% cost to the owners. Once in place, the bridge would be maintained similar to the other bridges in the drainage system. We would also recommend that the access bridges presently found in the drain, for which the maintenance costs are to be shared with the upstream lands and roads within the watershed, be maintained by the Town and that said maintenance would include works to the bridge culvert, bedding, backfill and end treatment. When concrete or asphalt driveway surfaces over these bridge culverts require removal as part of the maintenance works, these surfaces shall be repaired or replaced as part of the work. Likewise, if any fencing, gate, decorative walls, guard rails or special features exist that will be impacted by the maintenance work, they are also to be removed and restored or replaced as part of the bridge maintenance work. However, the cost of the supply and installation of any surface material other than granular "A" material, and the cost of the removal and restoration or replacement if necessary of any special features, shall be totally assessed to the benefiting adjoining owner served by said access bridge.

We would also recommend that all engineering costs and expenses related to the preparation, distribution, and consideration of this report be included as an expense to the drainage works and that same is to be assessed in the same proportions as set out in the current 1978 Schedule of Assessment for the Henderson Drain & Branches.

#### V. <u>DRAWINGS</u>

Attached to the end of this report is a drawing that shows the Henderson Drain & Branches and the approximate limits of the affected watershed that was established by our investigations. It illustrates the location of the watershed, the location of the drain and branches, the location of all existing access bridge structures, the names and roll numbers of the affected landowners, as well as the approximate boundary limit of the watershed.

#### VI. SHARING SCHEDULE AND MAINTENANCE WORKS

We have prepared a Bridge Sharing Schedule to be utilized for assessing costs against the affected lands for any future maintenance works conducted to the bridges on the Henderson Drain & Branches as outlined below. As previously mentioned, the assessment proportions as outlined within the current 1978 Schedule of Assessment has been established to be used for distributing costs to the abutting and upstream lands and roads on the basis of their Outlet Liability

assessments. The physical dimensions which control the extent of maintenance works permitted on this drainage system shall be limited to that which has been set out in the various drainage reports for sections of the drainage system and newer bridges.

When any works of maintenance are required to the existing bridges, the following provisions with respect to cost sharing shall apply:

Henderson Drain & Branches

Bridge Sharing								
Bridge/ Encl.	<u>Roll No.</u>	<u>Owners</u>	Owners' <u>Share</u>	Upstream <u>Share</u>				
1	380-00450	Charles & Catherine Sykes	82.0%	18.0%				
2	380-00450	Charles & Catherine Sykes	100.0%	0.0%				
3	380-00460	Sarah Barnard	78.0%	22.0%				
4	380-00401	Charles & Shirley Chevalier	76.3%	23.7%				
5	380-00400	Beverly & Earl Haggins	76.9%	23.1%				
6	Road 2 West	Town of Kingsville	98.0%	2.0%				
7	380-00300	Derek & Henry Denotter	54.0%	46.0%				
8	380-00250	Joshua Beaulieu	55.0%	45.0%				
9	380-00220	Manley Thorpe & Janice Breemhaar, Est. Trustee	77.0%	23.0%				
10	380-00220	Manley Thorpe & Janice Breemhaar, Est. Trustee	100.0%	0.0%				
11	380-00220	Manley Thorpe & Janice Breemhaar, Est. Trustee	100.0%	0.0%				
12	380-00300	Derek & Henry Denotter	75.0%	25.0%				
13	330-05400	Christopher Lewis	100.0%	0.0%				
14	330-05400	Christopher Lewis	65.0%	35.0%				
15	330-05500	David & Jamie Kendrick	71.0%	29.0%				
16	330-05650	Manley Thorpe & Janice Breemhaar	83.0%	17.0%				
17	330-05200	Nancy Bacon	46.0%	54.0%				
18	330-02250	Jeffery & Rachel Lewis	35.0%	65.0%				

In the above table, Bridges 2, 10, 11 and 13 are considered as secondary accesses serving the various parcels. Pursuant to the Drainage Act each parcel is entitled to one bridge for access per drain. Any additional bridges are constructed and kept up and maintained by the Town at the sole cost of the parcel served by the secondary bridge. Should any works or maintenance be required to the other existing access bridges, the cost will be shared as noted in the above table except for Bridge 18. The existing timber pole footbridge needs to first be replaced with a standard access bridge at 100% cost to the owners. Subsequent to that, the bridge will be

maintained on the sharing basis noted in the table. The share indicated for the Owners shall be assessed as a Benefit to the bridge Owners and the remaining cost share shall be assessed as an Outlet Liability against the lands and roads within the watershed lying upstream of said access bridge, and shall be assessed in the same proportions as the Outlet assessments shown in the Schedule of Assessment established by the 1978 Henderson Drain & Branches drainage report by William Setterington, P.Eng.

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The actual cost of maintenance work on the drain bridges shall be assessed against the lands and roads in the proportions as shown in the table above, subject to any future variations that may be made under the authority of the "Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D.17, as amended 2010".

#### VII. <u>GRANTS</u>

On September 22nd, 2005, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (O.M.A.F.R.A.) issued Administrative Policies for the Agricultural Drainage Infrastructure Program (A.D.I.P.). This program has re-instated financial assistance for eligible costs and assessed lands pursuant to the Drainage Act. Sections 85 to 90 of the Drainage Act allow the Minister to provide grants for various activities under said Act. Sections 85 to 87 make it very clear that grants are provided at the discretion of the Minister. Based on the current A.D.I.P., "lands used for agricultural purposes" may be eligible for a grant in the amount of 1/3 of their total assessment. The new policies define "lands used for agricultural purposes" as those lands eligible for the "Farm Property Class Tax Rate". The Municipal Clerk can provide this information to the Drainage Superintendent and landowners from the current property tax roll. Properties that meet the criteria for "lands used for agricultural purposes" are expected to be eligible for the 1/3 grant on their total assessment from O.M.A.F.R.A.

We recommend that an application be made by the Town of Kingsville, on completion of any drain maintenance work, to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (O.M.A.F.R.A.) in accordance with Section 88 of the "Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D.17, as amended 2010" for this grant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Gerard Rood, P.Eng.

Att.

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