

MINUTES



DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Committee Meeting Room 'A'
2021 Division Road North, Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 2Y9

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Larry Patterson called the Meeting to order at 9:57 a.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Members:

Larry Patterson
Thomas Neufeld
Richard Welker
Jeff Stephenson
Henry Denotter

Members of Administration:

Ken Vegh, Drainage Superintendent
Deputy Clerk – Administrative Services J. Alexander

Gerard Rood - Rood
Engineering

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Chairperson, Larry Patterson reminded members that any declaration and its general nature are to be made prior to each item being discussed.

C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

NONE PRESENTED

D. STAFF REPORTS

NONE PRESENTED

E. BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

E.1. Better Farming, RE: Controlled Drainage- A Win Environmentally and Agronomically, issued November 15, 2016.

The Committee discussed the article and the research being completed. This approach would be beneficial for small farms but would be cost prohibitive for large scale farms.

F. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

F.1. Adoption of the Committee Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2016.

6-2016 Moved by Henry Denotter, seconded by Jeff Stephenson, that the Committee adopts the February 2, 2016 minutes as presented.

CARRIED

G. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.1. Drainage Superintendent, Ken Vegh Re: Update on the Train Court and Cedarhurst area projects.

Train court is in progress and waiting for other parties involved to sign off in agreement.

Cedarhurst-In progress and there is an on sight meeting on November 17 at 10:00 am to discuss possible solutions.

G.2. Notice of Motion from Council. Re: Drainage, Communication and Billing, issued on June 13, 2016 from Councillor Gord Queen.

The Committee discussed the timeframe on billing of drainage works and how the Town can improve communication with residents when drain work is completed. The committee agreed that the timing should be consistent and over a short time period. Ken Vegh indicated that town policy recommends waiting at least 6 months before billing to ensure there is no bank failure.

The Committee directed Ken Vegh to provide the committee with a draft statement of completed drainage upgrades to be mailed to the property owner for review at the next meeting.

G.3. GLASI: Great Lakes Agricultural Stewardship Initiative RE: Priority Sub watershed Project

Henry Denotter is involved with this project. The research collected is to provide a data base of information for Farmers in the area regarding types of soil, water levels and chemical found in the water. There are 20 farmers that qualify to be in the study.

G.4. Policy on Oversized Culverts

Ken Vegh discussed a new oversized culverts policy that would require all culverts to be oversized when being replaced or used in future construction.

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Moved by R. Welker, second by Henry Denotter that the Committee recommends to Council to adopt a new policy on oversized Culverts.

CARRIED

G.5. Review of County of Essex Road Maintenance

Ken Vegh brought a resident complaint forward to the Committee regarding drainage issues within the county.

H. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Henry Denotter, seconded by Richard Welker, the Committee adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN, Larry Patterson

**DEPUTY CLERK – ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES,
Jennifer Alexander**