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Date: September 19, 2017
To: Mayor and Council
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RE: Drainage Act Responsibilities
Report No.: MS-2017-047

AIM

To remind Councilors of the procedures and responsibilities of the *Drainage Act*.

BACKGROUND

Some concerns regarding maintenance of municipal drains within the Town of Kingsville have been brought forward and this report will be helpful in identifying the Town's responsibilities as it relates to drain maintenance/repair or improvement.

DISCUSSION

The history of the *Drainage Act* is almost 140 years old and during that time there have been almost 150 amendments. Changes were instituted in response to different demands from various sections of the province, and also in response to particular difficulties encountered by farmers, engineers, and lawyers as the pace of drainage construction increased. It would not be wrong to characterize the development of drainage laws as a fundamentally conservative process with few radical reconstructions of the *Act* or departures from the basic approach. Almost every change in the statutes built on the already existing base in an attempt to improve what is considered to be an adequate system for the construction and maintenance of drains.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

To provide the residents of the Town of Kingsville safe, adequate and affordable municipal services and infrastructure.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations contained in the report.

CONSULTATIONS

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RECOMMENDATION

It is administrations recommendation that Council receive this report regarding *Drainage Act* procedures and responsibilities for information purposes.

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