

**FINAL DRAFT**  
**LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 21, 2004**  
**Pinetree Room, Ramada Inn**  
**716 Gordon Street, Guelph, Ontario**

**1.0 Attendance And Call To Order**

Members Present: Ray Dobbin, Chairman; Tim Oliver, Secretary; Ken Graham, Vice Chair; Jeff Dickson, David Johnson; David Grahlman

Liaison Members Present: Sid Vander Veen, OMAF; Lisa Fowler (for Norm Smith), Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Melanie Prosser, Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph; Art Groenveld, MTO

Members Absent: Leo Christl, MNR (regrets), member absent, Conservation Ontario

Chairman Dobbin called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

Motion by J. Dickson, seconded by K. Graham, that the agenda, as prepared by the chairman, be accepted. Carried.

**3.0 Minutes of Last Meeting**

Motion by K. Graham, seconded by D. Grahlman, that the minutes of the June 4, 2004 meeting, be adopted. Carried.

**4.0 Business Arising from Minutes**

No action items.

**5.0 Correspondence**

5.1 Letter of resignation received from Ken Graham, in keeping with the Terms of Reference, for he is no longer practicing as a drainage engineer.

5.2 Election of two members on the committee for full 3 year terms.

5.3 Election of one member to replace K. Graham (Vice chair) for one year term.

5.4 Spriet letter regarding comments on cancellation of MOD program and LDC meeting @ Spriet's office Oct 8, 2004.

5.5 Letter to DSAO from LDC as a response from the January 2004 Industry meeting at the LICO convention. J. Dickson to follow up with this. (Action Item).

5.6 Ryan Bailey's e-mail response regarding the draft LDC terms of reference.

5.7 Letter addressed to Minister of Agriculture (Steve Peters) Aug 27/04 from J. Dickson (R.J. Burnside).

- 5.8 Letter addressed to Minister of Agriculture (Steve Peters) Oct 16/04 from LDC Chair R. Dobbin.

## **6.0 Liaison Report – Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph**

Melanie Prosser

- 6.1 93 registered for Oct 22 Drainage Conference, hoping for last minute registrants. Last year 109 registered.
- 6.2 5 exhibitors this year. \$50 discount offered again this year for exhibitor's registration.
- 6.3 changes to Conference brochure prepared as (e-mail version) will pay off for future Conferences .
- 6.4 Dinner after meeting at Casey's. Separate room booked.
- 6.5 There are older extra copies of the Drainage Conference proceedings that will be brought to this year's Conference and could be sold for say \$5.00 each to help generate funds.
- 6.6 Consideration of Paul Rhodes (training instructor) as a replacement for Lynda Pennington for future Conference speakers. Melanie provided copy of his bio.
- 6.7 Cost of June meeting for OMAF's hospitality is \$146.65. Melanie questioned if the LDC can reimburse OMAF for this amount.

## **7.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Natural Resources**

Leo Christl sent regrets (no report)

## **8.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Transportation**

Art Groenveld

- 8.1 Runoff factors presentation tomorrow.
- 8.2 Gravity pipe guideline design manual (pipe sizes up to 3000mm dia.) to come out in near future (Jan 2005) outlining structural, durability and hydraulic design, life cycle costing benefits (comparing CSP vs HDPE vs Concrete pipe) etc.
- 8.3 Drainage Design Standards Manual (1<sup>st</sup> phase Mar 2005, 2<sup>nd</sup> phase Mar 2006) MTO making modifications and putting out new standards into be the new documents.
- 8.4 Climate Change Study – consultant still working on report and expect to receive by Mar 2005.

## **9.0 Conservation Ontario**

Joe Farwell (absent) –

There was no report. Joe Farwell still looking for a replacement as liaison rep. Ray Dobbin to contact Norm Smith to follow up with same issue.

## **10.0 Department of Fisheries and Oceans**

Lisa Fowler

- 10.1 Meeting & presentation to DSAO made by DFO last week at DSAO executive meeting. Drain classification mapping a main concern due to its incompleteness. Drain enclosure (tile-ins) concerns. Authorization delays a concern.
- 10.2 Working Group to help complete drain mapping. OMAF's Bob Stice is assisting DFO. Leo Christl (MNR) assisting with their database for GIS applications. DFO looking to first finish the classifications on open municipal drains. The classification will be based on facts from fish sampling only. No human interpretation based on the habitat or drain characteristics. Eventually there would be layers with the GIS mapping to indicate the "natural watercourses".
- 10.3 DFO is to respond to DSAO fairly soon on drain enclosures.
- 10.4 DFO developing a protocol for drain emergency repair works. DFO will not stop or hold up an emergency. Must be a true emergency (flooding or risk to human safety or protection of property). DFO has a risk management process to separate out small risks. List of 13 common projects that are small risk for example aquatic plant removal, beach enhancement)
- 10.5 Still some quality checks with the actual classifications to see which need updating.

## **11.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Agriculture and Food**

Sid Vander Veen

- 11.1 Sid provided information on several court case decisions with DFO and the Fisheries Act. South Innisfill Drain ongoing and City of Kingston case with the definition of deleterious substance where City found guilty and have since appealed the ruling. DFO indicates the regulation on deleterious substances won't change until there is another case under Case Law to challenge it. The owner who initiated the prosecution got half the amount of the fine as a reward. Another case involving the Environmental Assessment Act and the section that excludes work under the Drainage Act is in front of the courts with a decision expected in Mar 2005.

- 11.2 Tile Loan Program changes as announced in July 2004. Sid provided handout. Increased the loan amounts to \$50,000 per year at a fixed 6% interest rate for 10 years.
- 11.3 2005 Drainage Industry meeting. Sid requires some topic or issues to discuss and is seeking input from LICO, DSAO, LDC. Example: Requirement for trench width specifications in engineer's reports.
- 11.4 LICO initiative – Ag in the Classroom (2 week course at the Junior High grade school level explaining food production and the importance of drainage.
- 11.4 LICO Convention Jan 26, 27 week in London.
- 11.5 OMAF has GIS course to be held around same time but at the OMAF building in Guelph for superintendents and engineers.
- 11.6 Contacts for LICO – Frank Kaines (replacing Ralph Clayton) and John Johnson.

## **12.0 Sub Committee Reports**

- 12.1 DSAO/LICO has developed a program called “Agriculture in the Classroom” deals with things such as soils, crop production. Don Lobb is the contact person who advocates the increased production importance in a growing population.
- 12.2 Web Site Review
  - Ken Graham – removed PEO from LDC Website. Ken to talk to ActiveWeb about removing “/peo” out of the drainage.org/peo domain.

## **13.0 Old Business**

Affiliation with OSPE. Ryan's e-mail response of Aug 11/04.

## **14.0 New Business**

- 15.1 LDC position paper discussion.
- 15.2 Collection of fees.

## **15.0 Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at the LICO Convention unless another meeting is held earlier for further discussion on the MOD program and LDC position paper with the Minister of Agriculture.

## **16.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. Moved by J. Dickson. Seconded by Ken Graham.

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Ray Dobbin, Chairman

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Tim Oliver, Secretary