

**O.S.P.E. LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
FINAL MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, January 25, 2006
Summit Room
Best Western Lamplighter Inn, London, Ontario**

1.0 Attendance And Call To Order

Members Present: Jeff Dickson, Chairman; Tim Oliver, Secretary; Ray Dobbin; John Spriet; Bill Dietrich; Chris Allen

Liaison Members Present: Sid Vander Veen, OMAFRA; Davin Heinbuck (ABCA), Conservation Ontario (replacement for Joe Farwell), Dana Boyter, Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Members Absent: Art Groenveld, MTO; Melanie Prosser, Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph, Leo Christl, MNR

Chairman Dickson called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dobbin, seconded by Dietrich, that the agenda as prepared by the chairman be accepted. Carried.

3.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

Accept minutes of last meeting October 27, 2005. Motion by Dietrich, seconded by Oliver. Carried.

4.0 Business Out Of The Minutes

Expense sheets need to be signed and sent to Hanan Jibry, OSPE. A copy should be forwarded to secretary Oliver for record keeping purposes.

5.0 Correspondence

No items of correspondence.

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

Melanie Prosser (absent)

Melanie e-mailed evaluation summary and financial statement for the 2005 Drainage Conference. The 2005 conference did not run a deficit this year. The evaluation summary response was low (only 37 of 109 respondents). Improvement in the response percentage is required to help assist with future conferences. This should be discussed in further detail at the June 2006 meeting.

7.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Natural Resources

Leo Christl absent. No report.

8.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Transportation

Art Groenveld absent. No report.

9.0 Liaison Report - Conservation Ontario

Davin Heinbuck

- 9.1 Some CA's are now charging review fees for new engineer's reports on municipal drains. There is one fee for review and one fee for a permit, if required. (Section 28 (1) of the Conservation Authorities Act requires CA's to establish regulations dealing with environmental protection).
- 9.2 CA's do not charge fees where a DFO Authorization is required or impact on fisheries involved.
- 9.3 New Generic Regulation 97/04 approved by Cabinet May 1, 2004 to receive Provincial Consent later this year (on May 1, 2006 – two years) to replace old Regulation Section 28 (1). The main objective of these changes to the regulation is to better protect public safety and the environment. The new regulation will give CA's the power to prohibit, regulate or provide permission of any activity or development that may be proposed and may have an impact on a waterway or wetland in relation to public safety and the environment.
- 9.4 The Drainage Practitioners should be inquiring if the Municipalities are considering the Supplemental Form (Drain Construction/Improvement Proposal Project Evaluation Form) to be included with the Section 4 & 78 requests under the Drainage Act. The CA review fees should not be applicable to drain maintenance activities although some CA's have charged these fees.

10.0 Liaison Report - Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Dana Boyter

- 10.1 DFO posters will be sent out to all Drainage Practitioners by mail.
- 10.2 Joe De Laronde and Dana Boyter have been touring the Province presenting the "Biology of Drains" presentation to the DSAO Chapters.
- 10.3 DFO still working on drain classification database and mapping (collecting field survey results). Eventually DFO's website will post the Drain classifications for the Municipalities across Ontario (expected 1-3 year timeframe).

11.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs

Sid Vander Veen

- 11.1 Upcoming April 2006 Drainage Assessment Course materials (Brochure) sent out by mail to all Municipalities and Consulting Firms on Jan 19, 2006. Drainage Superintendent's course scheduled for February 2006.
- 11.2 Drainage Program Statistics for Ontario (Table provided). Results show an increase in activity for tile drain installation, tile loans, and drain maintenance work. A slight decrease resulted in drain construction and municipal drain improvement projects.
- 11.3 Tile outlet markers (\$20 each) are available from OMAFRA. Kay Kim (Environment Canada) providing them to OMAFRA. OMAFRA will select which municipalities will get the first sets of markers (25 per bundle- one bundle per drain superintendent) a \$500 value at no cost.

12.0 Review of Drainage Projects/Grant Applications (Memo of January 12,2006)

The OSPE Land Drainage Committee (LDC) had a briefing from Ken Smart and Sid Vander Veen regarding several recent K. Smart drainage reports affected by OMAFRA's denial of grant payment on the works recommended within these reports. The OSPE LDC had some general discussion however decided not to make a decision at this meeting.

13.0 Sub-committee Reports

13.1 Web site review

- a) Hanan Jibry was questioning the website maintenance invoices from Active Web. The costs have been \$1,000 - \$1,500 per year using up the annual \$1,200 budget.
- b) The website is now up to date with the previous OSPE LDC Meeting Minutes and names of committee members.
- c) No confirmation that OSPE is putting the LDC website as a link on the OSPE website or taking over the maintenance of the website from Active Web.
- d) For now the update of the LDC website will continue until we are on the OSPE website or become a link on their website.

14.0 Old Business

- 14.1 Ray Dobbin to e-mail the expense claim form to Chris Allen. OSPE's current mileage expense rate is \$0.42 per km.

15.0 New Business

15.1 Drainage Industry Meeting – Bill Dietrich and Jeff Dickson to attend following this meeting.

14.2 MOE Bill 43 – Clean Water Act (Municipality responsible for enforcement requiring 5 members on enforcement team). The Clean Water Act identifies “Threat Areas” and the members of the enforcement team are responsible to identify the “Threat Areas”.

14.3 Source Water Protection Plans are required to be prepared by the Municipalities as part of the new Source Water Protection Act.

14.4 Specifications Committee raised a concern regarding the use of specifying equivalent pipe materials as options within an engineer’s report recommendations.

16.0 Next Meeting

Friday, June 2, 2006 in Guelph? Chairman Dickson to confirm date, time and location and provide agenda for next meeting.

17.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 12:15 pm.

Jeff Dickson, Chairman

Tim Oliver, Secretary