

FINAL DRAFT
O.S.P.E. LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Friday, June 5, 2009
OMAFRA Office, Boardroom 405
1 Stone Road, Guelph, Ontario

1.0 Attendance and Call to Order

Members Present: Tim Oliver, Chairman; Bill Dietrich, Secretary; Chris Allen; John Kuntze

Liaison Members Present: Sid Vander Veen, OMAFRA; Davin Heinbuck, Conservation Ontario (ABCA); Art Groenveld, MTO; Pat Shaver, Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph

Absent Members: Mike DeVos; Tom Pridham; Leo Christl, MNR; Gina VandenBurg, O.S.P.E.; Dana Boyter, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Chairman Tim Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion by John Kuntze, seconded by Chris Allen, that the agenda as prepared by the chairman be accepted. Carried.

3.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion by John Kuntze, seconded by Tim Oliver that the minutes of the Thursday January 22, 2009 O.S.P.E. Land Drainage Committee Meeting be accepted. Carried.

4.0 Business Arising From the Minutes

- 4.1 Missed Tile Connections – John Kuntze will send Land Drainage Committee recommendations to Don Weir and then to DSAO and LICO for comments.
- 4.2 LDC Expenses – Land Drainage Committee secretary forwarded expense accounts for 2008 to Gina VandenBurg, O.S.P.E.
- 4.3 Draft Minutes of 2008 Drainage Practitioners Meeting (Thursday, October 23, 2008) was emailed to Pat Shaver, Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph for posting on the website.
- 4.4 DART – Terms of Reference – were accepted by the Land Drainage Committee.

- 4.5 MNR Issues – Leo Christl is retiring in the fall of 2009.
Endangered Species Act (ESA) – update
Dam Safety Program
Regulations passed under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act should be reviewed by the Land Drainage Committee.
The Chairman of the LDC is to forward a letter to MNR to request different MNR representatives attend the LDC meetings.
- 4.6 LDC website – A motion was made by Chris Allen to decommission the LDC website. It was seconded by John Kuntze. Carried.

5.0 Correspondence

- 5.1 Dana Boyter, Fisheries and Oceans Canada – does not feel it's necessary to be a liaison member of the LDC. He can respond through the LDC representative on the DAWG committee.

6.0 Liaison Report – Conservation Authorities Report

Davin Heinbuck

- 6.1 Attended ROMA conference on behalf of Drainage Act and Section 28 Regulations Team (DART). Joined experts panel with representatives from OMAFRA, DFO, MNR, MNR-Endangered Species Act.
- 6.2 Presented at the Drainage Superintendents Course on behalf of Conservation Ontario
- 6.3 Conservation Authority representative on the OMAFRA BMP's of Drainage document.

7.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Sid VanderVeen

7.1 REGULATORY MODERNIZATION:

The Ministry has put forward a proposal to make amendments to Regulation 18 under the Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act. If amended by the legislature, it will change the end date of licenses, the reporting requirements for their work, the experience requirements for tile drainage operators and it will generalize the course content.

There may be a similar opportunity to make administrative, non-controversial changes to the Drainage Act. For example, perhaps the sections that deal with requisition drains, drain commissioners and other are no longer required.

7.2 NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT:

The Navigable Water Protection Act is federal legislation that protects the navigability of waterways. When this legislation is applied to projects under the Drainage Act, it can require culverts and bridges to be increased in size to accommodate navigation.

The federal government has recently defined ...“Artificial irrigation channels and drainage ditches, other than ones created or built in whole or in part from a natural body of water, that have an average width of less than 3.00 m...” as a class of work that does not require approval from the Minister of Transport.

7.3 ADIP REVIEW

The ADIP review has not been completed.

7.4 DRAFT DRAINAGE BMP BOOK:

The Drainage BMP Committee has gone through a thorough review of the first draft of the Drainage BMP. Each committee member was then asked to identify up to five individuals to perform a critical review of the draft BMP. The next meeting of the Drainage BMP committee will take place on June 25/09 and at this meeting, the review comments will be discussed and incorporated into the BMP book.

7.5 INTERN:

Our Branch applied for and was approved for an intern position through the Ontario Internship Program. This program provides recent university graduates with a paid two-year employment opportunity with the Ontario government. Sharon McCartan has been matched with our Branch and will be starting on June 15, 2009.

7.6 COURSES: In the winter and spring of 2009, the following courses were held:

COURSE NAME	LOCATION	DATES	ATTENDANCE
Primary Drainage Course	Marden	Jan. 6-16, 2009	15
Advanced Drainage Course	Marden	Feb. 3-13, 2009	10
Drainage Superintendents Course	Guelph	March 2-6,2009	27
Rural Municipal Drainage Course	Morrisburg	April 15, 2009	24
Calculating Drainage Assessments	Morrisburg	April 16, 2009	10
Rural Municipal Drainage Course	Grand Bend	April 28, 2009	27
Calculating Drainage Assessments	Grand Bend	April 29, 2009	25
Rural Municipal Drainage Course	Vineland	May 7, 2009	15

8.0 Liaison Report – Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph
Pat Shaver

8.1 2009 Conference will be at the Best Western Royal Brock Hotel and Conference Centre (formerly the Ramada Inn) in Guelph on Friday October 30, 2009.

8.2 Conference fees – Friday conference only - \$165.00 (same as 2008)
Thursday MTO seminar only - \$40.00
Thursday seminar and Friday conference - \$185.00

8.3 Accommodations – A block of rooms will be reserved at the Best Western at the conference rate of \$101.00.

8.4 Media Release- Only the speakers need to sign the media release waiver.

8.5 Possible Topics for the 41st Annual Conference

- Appeal Process under the Conservation Authorities Act
- Phased Projects under the Drainage Act
- Steenstra Municipal Drain – an update
- Bruce Municipal Drain No. 19
- Beavers, Municipal Drains and Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act
- Maintenance Guidelines Document – DFO
- Clean Water Act
- Elizabeth Pinnington – Work Stress
- Belinda Ward Campbell – Research Update
- Lake Simcoe Act – land use control
 - phosphorus reductions
- Growing Forward/Environmental Farm Plans – an update
- Lidar – drainage applications
- Dam Safety
- Endangered Species Act
- Fish in Drains – Nick Mandrak

9.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Transportation
Art Groenveld

9.1 Art and Dr. Hani from the MTO are preparing a seminar for the 2009 Conference.

9.2 MTO has a new specification process for the supply and installation of pipes in a provincial highway right-of-way.

9.3 Attend the conference on Thursday, October 29, 2009, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and find out the updated ministry policies with respect to the design and construction practises of municipal drains on MTO right-of-way's.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Land Drainage Committee will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Best Western Royal Brock Hotel, Guelph, Ontario. The Drainage Practitioners Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Moved by John Kuntze and seconded by Chris Allen.

Tim Oliver, Chairman

Bill Dietrich, Secretary