



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: April 11, 2016

REPORT TO: Mayor Bridge and Members of Council

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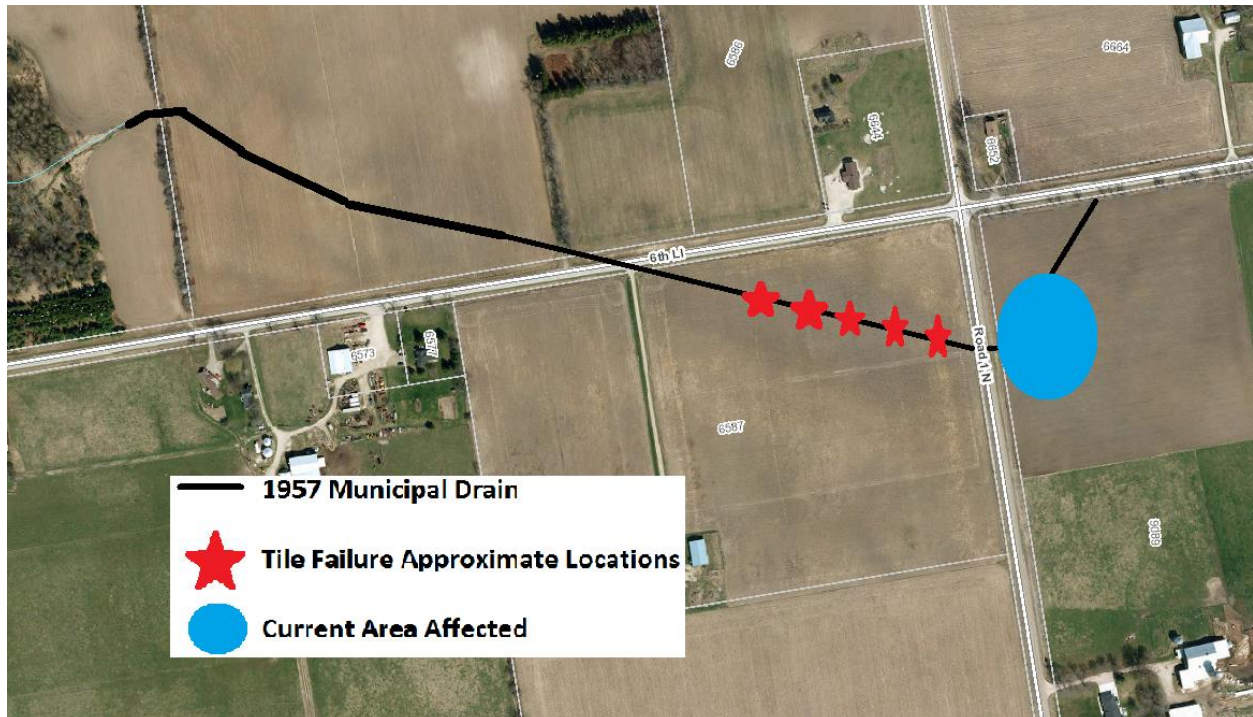
SUBJECT: Municipal Drain #39 Improvement

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Support programs that maintain Minto's strong agricultural identity, enhance agricultural work, and protect and restore the natural environment given Minto's location in the heartland of Ontario surrounded by farmland and acknowledging that farming and a healthy natural environment are inextricably linked.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has responded to multiple tile failures on Municipal Drain #39 over the past few years (locations below), and on April 6, 2016 received a signed section 78(1) petition under the Drainage Act requesting improvements from an affected property owner (See attached).



Section 78(1) of the Drainage Act states any drainage work constructed under a by-law passed under the Act (or any predecessor) that Council considers appropriate for the better use, maintenance or repair of the drainage works or of lands or roads, may be undertaken according to the report of an engineer appointed by the municipality without a petition.

COMMENTS:

Dietrich Engineering Limited was previously appointed by Council to conduct procedures under the Drainage Act. Triton Engineering is the Town's approved engineering consultant

and is now assigned to find a consulting engineer for the work. They have not concerns with Dietrich being appointed in this case.

Dietrich will provide a report to Council under Section 78.1 outlining improvements needed to address the concerns in Municipal Drain 39. As the potential project may have ranging impacts, Dietrich's proposes to have an initial meeting with landowners in the watershed area to ensure all potential improvements are identified and to accept feedback on the approach being considered.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of the Engineering Report is assessed against all affected landowners and road authorities if Council decides to proceed with the project. The Engineer will also set the percentage assessment of the approved works that each landowner and road authority will pay upon completion of the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council of the Town of Minto receives the Road Foreman's report regarding the Municipal Drain Petition and Improvement under Section 78 of the *Drainage Act* and appoints Dietrich Engineering Limited to represent the Town's interest in this regard.

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