



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: August 15, 2016

REPORT TO: Mayor Bridge and Members of Council

FROM: Mike McIsaac, Roads Foreman

SUBJECT: Municipal Drain #2 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 inquiries for the need of a bottom cleanout on sections of Municipal Drain #2. As shown on the map below the drain commences at Road 3 North and the 12th Line and runs north-westerly crossing under Highway 89 and County Road 2 before heading westerly adjacent to the 14th Line to Ayton Road



During investigations and conversations with property owners at the south end of the drain near the 12th Line it was determined that to get the necessary fall to accept their private field tile systems, work may be required in sections all the way to the outlet. The Town received three separate signed section 78 request for upgrades to the entire system.

Section **78(1)** states "If a drainage works has been constructed under a by-law passed under this Act or any predecessor of this Act, and the **council** of the municipality that is responsible for maintaining and repairing the drainage works considers it appropriate to undertake one or more of the projects listed in subsection (1.1) for the better use, maintenance or repair of the drainage works or of lands or roads, the municipality may

undertake and complete the project in accordance with the report of an **engineer** appointed by it and without the petition required by section 4.

COMMENTS:

Dietrich Engineering Limited has been appointed by Council to conduct procedures under the Drainage Act. It is proposed that Dietrich provide a report to Council under Section 78.1 outlining the improvements needed to address the concerns in Municipal Drain 2. 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 considered by the Engineer.

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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