



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: March 7, 2017

REPORT TO: Mayor Bridge and Members of Council

FROM: Mike McIsaac, Roads Foreman

SUBJECT: Municipal Drain Petition

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 received a signed Petition for Drainage Works by local property owners on March 6, 2017 under the Drainage Act.

PETITION DRAINS

4(1) A petition for the drainage by means of a drainage works of an area requiring drainage as described in the petition may be filed with the **clerk** of the local municipality in which the area is situate by,

(b) the **owner** or **owners**, as shown by the last revised assessment roll, of lands in the area representing at least 60 percent of the hectarage in the area;

The property requiring drainage has historically used natural overland flows through a culvert in Wellington County Road 3 and across an adjacent property to Municipal Drain #20. This overland flow channel is not currently part of a Municipal Drain which is on private property and the Municipality cannot perform maintenance on this system.



The “red” circled area above is the approximate affected area and the “yellow” is the natural overland flow area currently not maintained.

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 4 outlining the improvements needed to address the concern. While not yet required under the Act, it is proposed to conduct an on-site meeting with landowners in the watershed area to ensure all potential improvements are identified, considered by the Engineer and added before work commences. The Engineer’s report will dictate if there are further improvements required, and Council will be asked to decide if the petition proceeds further. Having information from the on-site meeting will be helpful to Council.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

To be determined by the appointed Drainage Engineer, in the assessment schedule of the Municipal Drain Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council of the Town of Minto receives this report from the Road Foreman regarding the Municipal Drain Petition under Section 4 of the Drainage Act and appoints Dietrich Engineering Limited to represent the Town’s interest in this regard.

Mike McIsaac
Road Foreman