



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: May 23, 2017

REPORT TO: Mayor Bridge and Members of Council

FROM: Mike McIsaac, Roads Foreman

SUBJECT: Municipal Drain #6 13, 54 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:

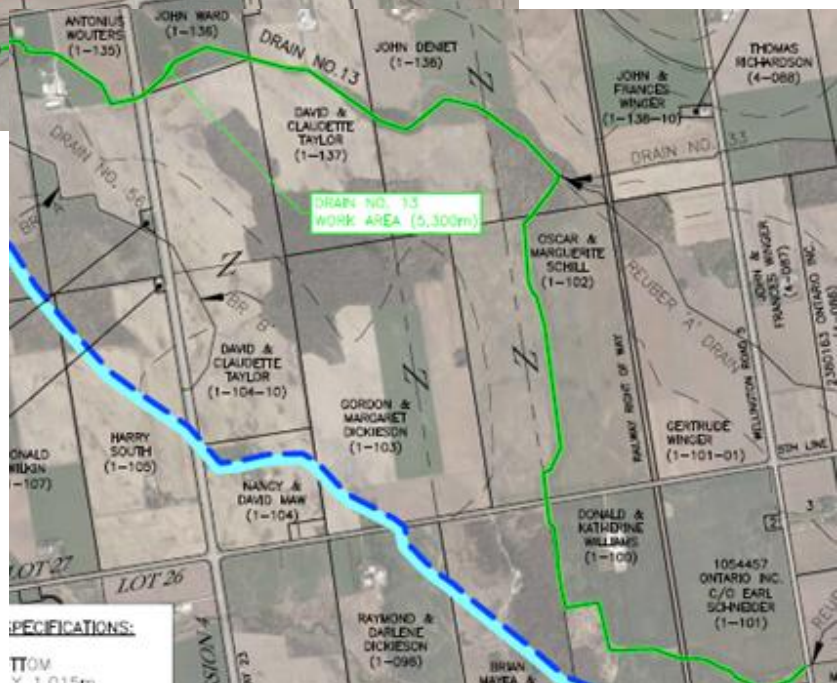
Staff received maintenance requests on Municipal Drains #6, 13 and 54. Drains 6 and 54 are shown below in red and purple respectively. They run essentially along the 7th Line

northerly to the Maitland River

Drain 13 shown in green connects into Drain 6 near the 7th line with a drainage area south passed the 5th Line



A site meeting was held March 17 with landowners to determine the extent of the maintenance projects. Many owners have open ditches running through their lands in need of maintenance. Many questions asked about the current assessment schedules were clarified by Dietrich Engineering. A second meeting at the Town Office on May 19 to addressed more questions and



provided an opportunity for landowners to voice concerns and give suggestions on how to proceed with this work. Dietrich Engineering and staff believe the current assessment schedules do not divide maintenance costs fairly to the individual properties. This meeting resulted in landowners supporting a section 78 petition to improve the drain and update the assessment schedule in a new report.

COMMENTS:

Dietrich Engineering Limited was appointed by Council through Triton Engineering to conduct investigations under the Drainage Act. It is proposed that Dietrich provide a report to Council under Section 78.1 outlining improvements needed to address the concerns in Municipal Drain 6, 13 and 54.

Section **78(1)** states that where **council** considers it appropriate to undertake one or more of the projects 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 required petition.

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 dated May 23, 2017 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 regard to maintenance of Municipal Drains #6, 13 and 54.

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