



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: August 22, 2017

REPORT TO: Mayor Bridge and Members of Council

FROM: Mike McIsaac, Roads Foreman

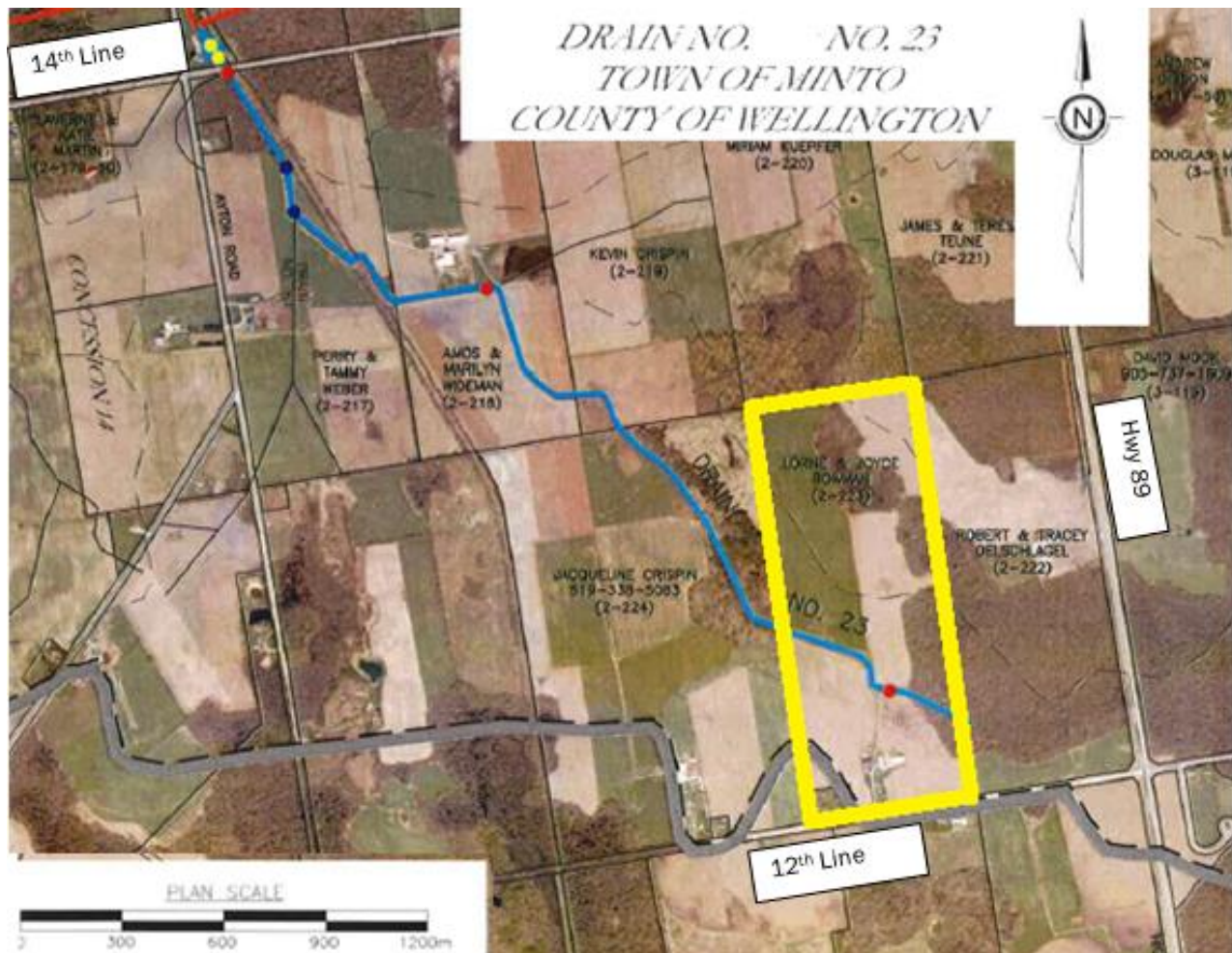
SUBJECT: Municipal Drain #23 Improvement

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 a Section 78 Drainage Act request from a local landowner asking that part of Municipal Drain #23 be improved from the existing open ditch to a closed underground system (tile system) on Con 13 Pt Lot 22 to maximize the cropping potential of this property.



Section 78(1) states that where drainage works are constructed pursuant to a by-law passed under the Drainage Act, and Council considers it appropriate to undertake project(s) 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 a report by an engineer appointed by it and without a petition.

A request such as this requires a new engineer's report and assessment schedule.

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 9. Information will be provided to impacted landowners and Council prior to a decision being made on whether to proceed. As with any procedure under the Drainage Act this will require some time before the project proceeds.

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 Roads & Drainage Foreman's August 22, 2017 report regarding the Municipal Drain 23 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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Roads & Drainage Foreman