



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: August 31, 2017

REPORT TO: Mayor Bridge and Members of Council

FROM: Mike McIsaac, Roads Foreman

SUBJECT: Municipal Drain #60 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 received a Section 78 Drainage Act request from one local landowner requesting asking that part of Municipal Drain #60 be improved due to multiple failures in the existing 1964 tile drain on Lot 24 Con 15.



A request such as this must be completed with a new Engineers report and assessment schedule.

Section 78(1) states if a drainage works was constructed under a by-law passed under the Act and the responsible Council considers it appropriate to undertake work 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 Council and without a 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 60. Dietrich Engineering completed the 2005 Report for the upper portion of this drain and is currently working on a Section 78 for MD #2 which is the outlet for this drain as well.

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 receives the Road Foreman's report regarding Municipal Drain #60 Improvement under Section 78 of the *Drainage Act* and appoints Dietrich Engineering Limited to represent the Town's interest in this regard.

Mike McIsaac
Road Foreman