

Minutes of a Special meeting of the Amherstburg Municipal Council held March 29, 2004 at 9:15 p.m. to further consider the Preliminary Drainage Report for the Beaudoin Drain and Pump.

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Anthony Leardi
Councillor Robert Bailey
Councillor Gord Freeman
Councillor Carl Gibb
Councillor Paul Renaud
Councillor Rosa White

ALSO PRESENT: Hilary Payne, CAO
David Mailloux, Clerk
Lou Zarlenga, Public Works Manager
Ed Dries of Todgham & Case
Chris Allen of Todgham & Case

Councillor Carl Gibb declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers.

The Clerk reviewed the items distributed to Council. A letter from Mr. K. H. Oldenburg, dated March 25, 2004 was distributed to Council. Also a letter dated March 29, 2004 from Ed Dries of Todgham & Case was distributed to Council.

Mr. Ed Dries reviewed the background.

There were three problems noted at the on site meeting.

1. Pump capacity
2. Drainage on 3rd Concession proper
3. Brush removal and minor cleaning – the schedule of assessment was not reflective of current owners and cost distribution needed to be addressed.

Mr. Dries then gave a Power Point presentation showing the drainage area, the condition of the drain and pumping station area and an aerial view.

The main proposal in the preliminary report (approx. \$92,000) is

1. new additional pump
2. additional gravity outlet with a gated structure at inlet.

Mr. Dries displayed a water level chart beginning with the year 1956. If the gravity outlet was in place now the pump would not have to run. However in years such as 1998 a gravity system would not work. He questioned what level of service the ratepayers and Council wanted.

Councillor Gord Freeman asked that if we cleaned the drain, the pump would start earlier and keep up. Mr. Dries stated that cleaning the drain would actually cause a bigger problem at outlet.

Jon Wortley stated that the debris in the drain actually slows the water down (i.e. pump can handle lesser volume).

Peter Dunn suggested that the Marsh be dredged to improve the outlet.

Mr. Dries said that you have to remember that above would work only in periods of low water.

Jack Herceg – in 50 years we have had only three time periods when a gravity system would not work.

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Eugene Reaume – When water levels reach 175 meters, and the wind blows from the east, the pump will be underwater.

When asked for his opinion Mr. Lou Zarlenga stated that he agreed with the math of Mr. Dries.

Deputy Mayor Anthony Leardi questioned that if we would get the cooperation of the group that controls the water level in the Marsh, would gravity flow work?

Mr. Dries answered “yes”.

Jon Wortley stated that gravity flow will not work.

Mayor Hurst stated that some of the residences have been built in a floodplain area.

Joe Vesco stated that he talked to the previous owner of the Wortley property and was advised that the home had never flooded before.

Jack Hecceg stated that to do this fairly we could take the total cost and divide it up amount the property owners.

Mr. Dries said that dividing the cost up as suggested by Mr. Hecceg was not in accordance with the Drainage Act. Equalizing rate scenarios have been overturned.

Mayor Hurst suggested that talking with ERCA about deepening the creek would make sense. Mr. Dries responded that he had tried this however ERCA was not in favour. An environmental assessment would be necessary.

Eugene Reaume suggested a ditch along the 3rd Concession to the Lake. Mr. Dries questioned whether it should be open or closed. Open – abutting owners may complain, if closed the project would be expensive.

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by R. White that we return the preliminary report to the Engineer and that we take no further action.

Motion Lost

Moved by P. Renaud, seconded by G. Freeman that we install the gravity flow alternative at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by P. Renaud that the minutes of the July 28, 2003 meeting and the March 15, 2004 meeting for the consideration of the Preliminary Report for the Beaudoin Drain and Pump be adopted.

Motion Carried

There being no further business the meeting adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK

BRANDON DRAIN & PUMP
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