



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
DRAINAGE BOARD**

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 271 Sandwich Street South, Amherstburg

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ron Sutherland, Chair
Allan Major, Vice-Chair
Gary Ayers
Bob Pillon

Shane McVitty, Drainage Superintendent &
Engineering Coordinator
Tammy Fowkes, Deputy Clerk
Nicole Humber, Recording Secretary

ABSENT WITH NOTICE Bob Bezaire

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Gary Ayres moved, Al Major seconded:

That the minutes of the previous meeting BE ADOPTED:

1. Drainage Board Meeting Minutes – July 5, 2016

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEER'S REPORT

4.1 8th Concession Drain South

Gerard Rood, P.Eng., Rood Engineering Inc., provided the Board with an overview of the drainage report for the improvements to the 8th Concession Drain South.

The Chair invited the gallery to speak with respect to the 8th Concession Drain South.

The following were heard:

Jon Parks – Resident

- Mr. Parks stated when the County of Essex moved the ditch to private property, in certain instances portions of the lawn piping was paid for by the County. Mr. Parks asked if the County will pay for what was compensated to landowners originally?

Mr. Rood specified that the costs for any additional enclosure piping is assessed entirely to the County. Mr. Rood added that the County would pay for the portion of the additional enclosure originally needed to relocate the drain. Mr. Rood also indicated that he would look into this matter further and would be in touch with the Town prior to the Court of Revision.

Don Shaw – Resident

- Mr. Shaw asked if bridge # 2 can be relocated towards the south of his property.

Mr. Rood indicated that the relocation of the bridge can be accommodated and that an as-built plan could be provided to reflect the new position of the bridge, rather than making a change through reconsideration of the report. Mr. McVitty said that a reconsideration of the Engineer's report would not be necessary in this case and that the Town would be satisfied with the Engineer's recommendation if there is no reason Mr. Rood feels it can't be relocated.

- Mr. Shaw asked if the pipe that crosses Howard Ave can be extended to provide an access.

Mr. Rood stated a pipe length of 3 metres is used to connect the east side road ditches to the crossing, which would be too narrow for a crossing into farm property. Mr. McVitty and Mr. Rood both agreed that it would be simplest to get an extension done through the County of Essex, to avoid reconsideration of the Drainage Report.

- Mr. Shaw asked who will maintain the corner (Howard Ave & County Rd 18) once the drain is filled in because it will be grown with weeds etc and become a traffic hazard.

Mr. Rood indicated that it would be recommended that the Town maintain the weed cutting.

Al Serran – Resident

- Mr. Serran questioned the Engineer's cost estimate.

Mr. Rood explained the tendering process, and what happens if the costs come in 33% higher than estimated. Mr. Rood also indicated that current works that have been recently tendered have been coming within 10% of his estimates. The tender would be awarded to the lowest bidder and the final project costs would include engineering fees.

- Mr. Serran asked if there was any plan to maintain the drains and further inquired about spraying and brush cleaning.

Al Serran – Resident – Continued

Mr. McVitty indicated the Town has been spraying phragmites and cattails since approximately 2013. It is typically done after a maintenance project, with isolated pockets sprayed again a year later. He added that cleaning brush has to go through maintenance procedures which are initiated by landowner request.

Brian Renaud – Resident

- Mr. Renaud indicated that his property is on the east side of the road and that his property drains entirely into the Long Marsh Drain. Mr Renaud asked how the boundaries were determined for this drain.

Mr. Rood indicated that the old reports showed the watershed boundaries and that no information was received to suggest that these boundaries have changed. Mr. Renaud indicated that he had a tile map that he believed showed the water going to the east.

Russell Wood – Resident

- Mr. Wood asked about the excavated material from the ditch cleaning.

Mr. Rood indicated that with open farmland, a 20ft strip of land would be used to spread material no more than 4” thick. Landowners would be compensated for that material and land use.

- Mr. Wood expressed his concern regarding overland drainage reaching the drain through the excavated material once spread adjacent to the drain.

Mr. Rood said that the report specifies that the Contractor is not to block any surface inlets or swales. All cuts or furrows must be left open.

Bob Pillon – Drainage Board Member

- Mr. Pillon requested that Mr. Rood review the County’s assessment as they relate to all bridges and enclosures.

Mr. Rood indicated that he would double check the Parks enclosure as well as all others and issue a new assessment schedule if required prior to the Court of Revision.

- Mr. Pillon asked when the last assessment schedule was on this drain.

Mr. Rood stated the last schedule was in 1985.

General discussion also occurred regarding the spraying of drains, consideration for Landowners maintaining Municipal Drains in front of their property, culvert depths, previous ditch maintenance within the Town, disposing of fill, grantable costs, and the project target date.

Al Major moved, Bob Pillon seconded:

That:

1. The drainage report for the Improvements to the 8th Concession Road Drain South prepared by Rood Engineering Inc. dated July 12, 2016, **BE CONSIDERED**;
2. The **PROVISIONAL ADOPTION** of By-law 2016-76 of the engineer's report for the Improvements to the 8th Concession Road Drain South **BE BROUGHT** to the next Regular Council meeting for Council's consideration; and,
3. Administration **BE DIRECTED** to schedule the Court of Revision for the improvements to the 8th Concession Road Drain South.

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, September 6, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Pillon moved, Al Major seconded:

That the Board rise and adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Chair – Ron Sutherland

Staff Liaison – Shane McVitty