O.S.P.E. LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
June 4, 2021 MINUTES OF MEETING
Virtual Meeting
MS Teams

1.0 Attendance and Call to Order

Members Present:

Tony Peralta, Chairman
Stephen Brickmam
Gerard Rood

Brandon Widner, Vice Chairman.
John Kuntze
Jeremy Taylor, Secretary

Liaison Member Present:

Lisa Wren, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
LuAnn Marentette, Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO)
Olena Czajkowski, Ministry of Transportation (MTO)
Davin Heinbuck (Conservation Ontario)
Pat Shaver, Open Learning & Education Support (University of Guelph)

Regrets: Dave Richards, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF)
Tim Brook, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
Paul Heeney, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Stuart Atkinson, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE)

1.1 Chairman Tony Peralta called the meeting to order at 9:07 am and noted that the meeting would be recorded to assist in minutes.
2.0 Approval of Agenda

2.1 Motion by Steve B, seconded by Jeremy T that the agenda as prepared by the Chairman be accepted. Carried.

3.0 Minutes of last Meeting

3.1 Motion by John K, seconded Steve B to accept the April 9, 2021 L.D.C. draft meeting minutes as circulated. Noted some minor changes received from Gerard R to be completed. Carried.

3.2 Action Items from the April 9, 2021 meeting deferred for comment until next meeting.

4.0 Correspondence

4.1 Received DSAO letter submitted to OMAFRA regarding proposed Drainage Act Changes. OFA letter submitted to OMAFRA regarding railway issues.

5.0 Liaison Reports

5.1 Deferred Liaison reports until next LDC meeting.

5.2 DSAO noted that their Procurement Committee would be active and open to member from LDC to participate. Tony P requested information from DSAO to be shared at the next LDC meeting to determine LDC member that would be part of the committee.

5.3 MTO noted that a contact for railway concerns was sent to OMAFRA. Tony P to follow up with OMAFRA regarding contacts.

6.0 New Business (Pat)

6.1 Drainage Engineers Conference Survey results were discussed by Pat S. Key points included:

- No vendors recommended
- One day event preferred in a live speaker/interaction format
- Prefer a virtual event rather than in-person
- Practitioners meeting later in the year with possible virtual or in-person
6.2 Discussion on format for session included utilizing Zoom with a 15 minute break between speakers to allow technical set up by Pat and speakers. Break out rooms would be provided for participants to chat in between sessions outside of the main presentation room.

6.3 Tentative agenda discussed with members responsible to contact speakers and confirm availability to present.

- Introductions, Presidents Address and Ross Irwin Awards – Tony P (9:00-9:30)
- MECP to discuss ESA with respect to Drainage Act – Tim B to contact (9:30-10:30)
- Excess Soils Regulation with respect to Drainage Act – LuAnn M to ask at DSAO meeting and John K & Steve B to inquire and coordinate (10:30-11:30)
- Climate Change and effects on Municipal Drains by Paul Marsh – Brandon W to contact (11:30 – 12:30)
- Case Study Big Marsh Drain, West Branch No 1 and No 2 – Gerard R to co-present and coordinate with Drainage Superintendent and Biology Consultant (1:30-2:30)
- Huron Clean Water/Great Lakes impact by MVCA, Stephen Jackson – Jeremy to contact (2:30-3:30)

6.4 Railways concerns and OMAFRA statistics to be part of Practitioners meeting discussions tentatively scheduled for November. Potential topic for 2022 from ABCA for Southeast Shoreline of Lake Huron and ACTT projects.

6.5 Timing and fees required to be determined by Pat S.

6.6 Next meeting date – Friday September 10th.

7.0 Adjournment

7.1 Motion to adjourn at 11:50 by Gerard R, seconded by John K. Carried