

FINAL DRAFT
O.S.P.E. LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, October 21, 2010
Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Centre
Guelph, Ontario

1.0 Attendance and Call to Order

Members Present: Tim Oliver, Chairman; Bill Dietrich, Secretary; Tom Pridham, John Kuntze, Chris Allen, Tom Marentette

Liaison Members Present: Sid Vander Veen, OMAFRA; Davin Heinbuck, Conservation Authorities (ABCA); Pat Shaver, Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph; Art Groenveld, MTO

Absent Members: Jeremy Downe, MNR representative; Edwina McGroddy, O.S.P.E.; Tom Hoggarth, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Chairman Tim Oliver called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Tom Pridham, seconded by Tom Marentette that the agenda as prepared by the chairman be accepted. Carried.

3.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion by John Kuntze, seconded by Tom Marentette that the minutes of the June 4, 2010 O.S.P.E. Land Drainage Committee Meeting as distributed be accepted. Carried.

4.0 Business Arising From the Minutes

- 4.1 MNR is reviewing our request for a liaison member for the committee. Jeremy Downe may not be the LDC representative. Tom Hoggarth informed the LDC that DFO participate in DAWG and a representative from DFO may not be necessary on the LDC. Tim Oliver will ask Tom Hoggarth to give the LDC a DFO report by email.
- 4.2 John Kuntze made a report to the LDC with respect to length of term of LDC committee members on the LDC. This report will be presented to the membership at the Drainage Practitioners meeting at the evening meeting.
- 4.3 Changes to the Drainage Act (Bill 68) was given 3rd reading today. Sid Vander Veen said the recommended changes to Section 58 (4) of the Drainage Act couldn't be included into changes made to the Drainage Act under Bill 68 but suggested they be resubmitted when additional changes to the Drainage Act occur.

4.4 LDC felt there is a need to have an engineer present on the DAWG committee and will ask Mike DeVos to continue to represent the LDC on DAWG. If Mike DeVos cannot attend any of the meetings of DAWG contact the LDC chairman for a replacement for the meeting.

4.5 Edwina McGroddy (OSPE) will reply to any questions the LDC may have.

5.0 Correspondence

5.1 An email was received from Lorne Franklin, C.E.T., R.C.C.A., Senior Technologist with Robinson Consultants Inc. requesting an opportunity to give a brief pitch for the Watershed Management Restoration Wetlands Course to the attendees at the Land Drainage Conference. This course will be operating between November 15 and November 19, 2010.

5.2 An email was received from Gloria Marco-Borys, OMAFRA. Kirk Walstadt, Chair of the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal and Vice-chair Jack Young will be attending the annual Drainage Practitioners meeting for a review of the appeals to the Tribunal in 2010.

5.3 An email was received by Paul Trudell, M.A.Sc. student, Water Resources Engineering, University of Guelph about promoting the drainage industry and the Drainage Engineers Conference to the environmental and water resources engineering students at the University of Guelph.

6.0 Liaison Report – Conservation Authorities Report

Davin Heinbuck

6.1 Drainage Act and Section 28 Regulations Team (DART)

Draft of the Best Management Protocols for Maintenance of Municipal Drains is out to the committee for review. This document will be released as the first phase in the protocols document. The Construction and Improvement document will follow.

6.2 Drains Action Working Group (DAWG)

Most recent DAWG meeting was held September 15, 2010.

Specific to Timing Windows, DFO has put together a briefing to be brought forth to ARMAC (Aquatic Resource Management Advisory Committee). The aim is to provide more streamlined and science based windows.

“F” Drain Position statement is being prepared. Wording has been enhanced to limit confusion and a flow chart has been incorporated to better illustrate the decision matrix of review agencies.

Drain Class Mapping – still in the works but will incorporate classifications based on the newly developed fish species sensitivity ratings. Overall, number of sensitive drains is likely to stay the same or decrease. Designation of ‘gamefish’ no longer ensures significant status. Final list is being finalized by DFO science.

7.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Transportation

Art Groenveld

7.1 Directive B12 is now published

7.2 New software programs have been developed and will be available in early 2011 which is accessible to Drainage Practitioners and Municipal Employees (see MTO website)

8.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Sid VanderVeen

See the OMAFRA report presented at the Drainage Practitioners meeting which is included in the 2010 proceedings of the 42nd Drainage Engineers Conference.

9.0 Liaison Report – Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph

Pat Shaver

9.1 There are 102 pre-registered for the 42nd Drainage Engineers Conference . There are 5 exhibitors: Maccaferri Canada, Chatham Kent Ready Mix Inc., Phoenix Measurement Solutions Inc., Atlantic Industries Ltd. and Canada Culvert and 8 speakers.

9.2 The Thursday program was emailed to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Association of Ontario Land Surveyors. Local universities were contacted and students were invited to attend the conference at a student fee of \$30.00.

9.3 The 43rd Drainage Engineers Conference will be held on Friday October 21, 2011 at the Holiday Inn and Conference Centre, Guelph, Ontario

10.0 New Business

10.1 Sid VanderVeen asked the Land Drainage Committee to investigate the possibility of arranging a Land Drainage Engineering Course to be held for the next 2 years on the Thursday prior to the Engineers Conference. Possible topics: onsite meetings, preparation of allowance schedules, assessment schedules: construction and maintenance, preparation for Court of Revision appeals and Ontario Drainage Tribunal appeals. Last Land Drainage Course was held in 1980.

- 10.2 A resolution from the Land Drainage Committee will be presented to the membership at the October 2010 Drainage Practitioners meeting dealing with length of term.
- 10.3 LDC has asked Pat Shaver to post on the Land Drainage Website: 1) the 2011 membership of LDC, 2) Terms of Reference, 3) summary of past 10 years of Land Drainage Committee membership prepared by the secretary, 4) history from the 40th Drainage Engineers Conference.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday January 20, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn in London.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Moved by Tom Pridham and seconded by Tom Marentette.

Tim Oliver, Chairman

Bill Dietrich, Secretary