

O.S.P.E. LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
January 21, 2025 MINUTES OF MEETING
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AGENDA

1.0 General Business

1.1 Welcome, Call to Order and Attendance

Chairman Jeremy Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

Members Present:

Jeremy Taylor, Chairman
Tony Peralta
John Kuntze

Josh Warner, Vice Chairman.
George Vereyken
Trevor Kuepfer, Secretary

Liaison Members:

Paola Cetares, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers

Davin Heinbuck (arrived at 10:15 am), Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

Muhammad Naeem (arrived at 10:04am), Ministry of Transportation

Tim Brook (arrived at 1:53pm) , Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Tony, seconded by John, to approve agenda prepared by the Chairman be accepted as amended.

1.3 Minutes of the Last Meetings – Oct 17, 2024 & Dec 10, 2024

Motion to approve minutes from October 17 and December 10th meetings by Josh, seconded by Josh, carried.

1.4 Business arising from the Minutes (review Action items, if any)

Action Items	Owner(s)	Status (in progress or completed)
October 17th Meeting		
1/ Write letter to OMAFA to initiate conversation about Municipal Freedom and Protection of Privacy Act's conflict with the Drainage Act.	Tony	Incomplete
2/ Look into new LDC email apart of website	Mariel	Completed
3/ Work with Mel and UofG to determine criteria for scholarship and location of previous contributions	Jeremy	Completed
4/ LDC to review CLI-ECA Draft Guide	LDC	Completed
December 10th Meeting		
5/ Reach out to UofG conference services to see options for conferences	Jeremy	Completed
6/ Follow up with DSAO regarding putting LDC on website	Josh	Completed
7/ Reach out to OSPE to see options for conference	Tony	Completed
8/ Reach out to Mel Luymes to see option for helping conference coordination	John	Completed

1.5 Correspondence

None

2 Liaison Reports (10:18am)

2.1 OSPE – Paola Cetares

- Connection established between OSPE and LDC
- SharePoint site to be created to allow for sharing of info
- Email address can be established for use by LDC
- There is a lobby day planned for March 18th in case anyone from LDC wants to attend
- LDC has capabilities to host website, support conference, and administrative support (ie note taking and minute prep). Indicated that usually they only offer admin services for meetings 1 hour in length or less
- Paola left meeting at 10:34am

2.2 MTO – Muhammad Naeem

- Design Standards are changing specific to exceedance probabilities
- New IDF curves in development that consider some climate change scenarios.
 - Potential topic for Drainage Eng. conference

2.3 Conservation Ontario – Davin Heinbuck

- Davin indicated he will be with drainage committees long-term
- DART form is to be revisited, and made mention to DART2 form which would be in relation to CA permitting on Section 4 and 78 projects.
- Davin will continue to present at the Drainage superintendents course
- Policy updates are still being worked on based on changes to the Conservation Authorities Act.

2.4 Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness – Tim Brook

- Additional \$14,000,000 in grant issues in June to nearly catch up with backlog
- Reminded LDC of deadline for comments with the landowners guide to the Drainage Act
- New Fact sheet in development, Property Sales and the Drainage Act
- New Drainage referee is John O’Kane. Acting Drainage referees Valerie M’Garry and Andy Wright. Rob Watters still 4 active cases

2.5 Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks – Clarissa Whitelaw

- Not in attendance

2.6 Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Lisa Wren

- Working to create a user-friendly online portal to replace class authorization protocol, but still in the early stages.

2.7 DSAO – David Moores

- Not in attendance.

3 New Business

3.1 University of Guelph Update

- Mariel and Cynthia from the University of Guelph joined the meeting at 11:30 am. They had the following comments/suggestions regarding this past years conference:
 - They prefer working with AV team ahead of time to prevent issues on conference day
 - They like to have numbers for food well in advance and last minute registration or sign ups are challenging.
 - They recommended we get conference attendees to not wait until the last minute to sign up and said they had to send many reminders before people signed up
- They confirmed that surplus money from conference is funded back to UofG

Break for lunch at 11:53am

Meeting reconvened at 12:53pm

3.2 DAWG (Drainage Act Working Group) update – Tony Peralta

- Mapping sub-committee
- Working on a drain enclosure fact sheet
- Drain cleanout lengths. Specific SAR rely on vegetation and staging cleanouts may be an option to mitigate impacts to these SAR.
- Modernizing DART form
- DFO wants to create a fact sheet for culvert design specific to velocities
- Having trouble finding E2 drains to complete fish resiliency study
- LICO to be added to DAWG
- Next meeting May 9

3.3 Ross Irwin Scholarship – John Kuntze

- There was a request to remove the requirement to apply for the Ross Irwin Scholarship and rather just give it to a student that met a certain grade requirement
 - John spoke with Mel and their preference was for them to still apply for scholarship in the future to show an effort to get the funds.
- LDC committee agreed to continue to support this and work with LICO

3.4 LICO Standards Committee – John Kuntze

- There is a debate amongst what materials should be used for ag tubing. Some Contractors feel strongly that this pipe should be certified and they are considering updating Publication 29 to require licensed Contractors to use certified pipe.

3.5 DSAO Railway Sub-Committee – Josh Warner

- Hearing set for May 13th and 14th by Andrew Wright

3.6 LDC Drainage Course – Josh Warner/Jeremy Taylor

- No update

3.7 Landowners guide to Drainage Act– Josh Warner

- Josh to forward consolidated comments to Tim Brook. Deadline to add notes, photos, etc. to document is Monday January 27th.

3.8 Urban Drainage CLI-ECA and Drainage Act– George Vereyken/ Jeremy Taylor

- Not much to update aside from there is a lot of disagreement and inconsistencies as to what is required for ECAs for Drainage Act projects

3.9 Conference Planning

- Facilitator. 3 Main options – OSPE, University of Guelph Conference Services, Mel Lyumes
 - Each of these options were discussed and LDC unanimously voted to pursue using OSPE for the coming years conference.
 - Elected to keep the Oct 16th and 17th date at the Delta in Guelph (Option of hosting in the Blue Mountains on Nov 4th was also discussed)
- Drainage Engineers Meeting
 - A larger room should be used for next year as the room used this past year was very full and they had to stop letting people in the room because it was over capacity.
- Conference speakers
 - To be discussed at a lunch hour within the next month or two
 - Tim Brook to be included in the meeting invite

4 New Business

None Discussed

5 Review Action Items

Action Items	Owner(s)	Status (in progress or completed)
1/ Write letter to OMAFA to initiate conversation about Municipal Freedom and Protection of Privacy Act's conflict with the Drainage Act. George and Josh to send summary info to Tony to help with letter	Tony, Josh, George	
2/ Request list of sub committees and summary of services offered by OSPE	Jeremy	
3/ Follow up with MTO regarding presenting at conference	LDC	
4/ Complete letter supporting DART and DART2	LDC (but await go ahead from Davin)	
5/ Complete comments for Landowners guide to the Drainage Act	LDC	
6/ Follow up with OSPE regarding supporting this years conference, creating an email address for LDC, creating a central location for file sharing, website support	Jeremy	
7/ Coordinate date and send meeting invite to LDC to discuss conference speakers for this years conference (include Tim Brook on invite)	Jeremy	

Motion to adjourn by Josh, seconded by George, carried.

6 Adjournment – 3:18pm

Next Meeting TBD