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OMAFA Report

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Introduction

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 - James Mitchel, Manager
- Regrets from Tim Brook
- Retirement of Andy Kester



























Introduction

- Regulatory Programs Delivery Unit
 - Drainage
 - Nutrient Management
 - Source Water Protection
 - NEW Farm and Food Production Protection Act
 - NEW Farm Implements Act
- Staff to be cross trained for all programs including:
 - ADIP grants
 - Tile loans
- Primary key drainage contacts remain the same



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Other Items

- A Guide for Property Owners involved with the Drainage Act
- Drainage Engineer link on OMAFA website
 - https://geohub.lio.gov.on.ca/datasets/ontarioca11::engin eering-authors-of-drainage-act-reports/about
- DART Committee

ADIP Grant



Questions?



