

**THE CORPORATION OF**  
**THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH**

**MITCHELL DRAINAGE WORKS**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Monday, January 14, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

**Mayor: Raymond Tout**  
**Councillors: Sherry Burke**  
**Mark Goetz**  
**Andy Lennox**  
**Dan Yake**

**Also Present:** **Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk: Lorraine Heinbuch**  
**Executive Assistant: Cathy Conrad**  
**Drainage Engineer: Neal Morris**  
**Drainage Superintendent: Garth Noecker**

Mayor Tout opened the meeting.

Pecuniary interest – none declared.

Neal Morris, K. Smart Associates Ltd., explained that the purpose of the meeting is for Council to consider the Drain Report. The report, dated November 30, 2012, outlined the area requiring drainage, history, on-site meeting, survey, work required, allowances, assessment, etc.

This drainage works is an incorporation of existing works previously done by the land owners and will now be recognized as a municipal drain. The cost of the drain is \$61,485. The Conservation Authority is ok with the report. Two land owners, Wenzel Michl and Rosemary Chaulk, withdrew from the petition. Their properties are not within the land requiring drainage. There are net assessments to the land owners. This is all private land; none of the land is owned by the Township. The Schill property drains onto the Mitchell property and has an assessment of \$7,000. The Mitchell assessment is negative \$7,000 to compensate him for work he had already done. The other three landowners are in the range of \$700 net assessment. Concerns regarding assessments will be heard at a Court of Revision held with 30 days.

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An opportunity was given for questions from Council or those affected by the drain.

Comments received:

Grand River Conservation Authority

- no concerns

Ross Chaulk, representing Rosemary Chaulk and Wenzel Michl, stated that they are not against the drain but will dispute the assessment.

Mr. Morris explained that by law he has to assess all lands within the watershed. Gentleman agreements can be arranged between landowners. If the Court of Revision is acceptable to those agreements it can be dealt with.

Councillor Yake confirmed that the concern of Rosemary Chaulk and Wenzel Michl is the assessment for their land as they were under the understanding that there would be no assessment to them.

Mayor Tout inquired if a zero assessment could be put in for Chaulk and Wenzel.

Mr. Morris explained that the changes to assessment would come out of the Court of Revision.

An opportunity was given for anyone to add or delete their names from the petition.

Wenzel Michl and Rosemary Chaulk had previously requested that their names be deleted from the petition.

Mayor Tout explained that Council will consider provisionally adopting the by-law.

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The meeting was adjourned.

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**C.A.O./CLERK**

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**MAYOR**