



# Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario

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## **DRAFT MINUTES OF EASTERN CHAPTER # 6**

Held on June 15, 2006 at 9:00am at the City Manderley on the Green 5920 Prince of Wales Drive, North Gower, ON, K0A 2T0

### **Attendant**

#### **Chapter 6 Members**

Dave Ryan – City of Ottawa  
Marc Gagne – City of Ottawa  
Eric Cryderman – City of Ottawa  
Erin Moore – City of Ottawa  
Garry Fischer – Land and Wildlife Management  
Harry Hutchinson – Township of South Stormont  
Katherine Beehler - RRCA  
Brett McAteer – Geosynthetic Systems  
Pat Mulrooney – Geosynthetic Systems  
Dave Yaeger – Delcan Corporation  
Pat Pittz - SNCA

Dave Ryan DSAO Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and thanked all for attending. Each member answered roll call and identified themselves.

### **Additional agenda items**

None

### **Minutes of last meeting**

Dave Ryan briefly went over highlights of last meeting held on Thursday, March 6, 2005 at 11:00am at the City of Ottawa, North Gower.

Moved by Eric Cryderman and seconded by Marc Gagne that minutes be adopted – Carried.

### **Business arising**

None

### **New business**

Devine Municipal Drain update – If conditions change significantly from the time the Class Authorization is issued to the time the work is done then the Drainage Superintendent must go back to the Conservation Authority in order for the drain to be reclassified. Continue your due diligence (sediment traps etc.) and keep the dialogue open with your local CA.

F drains are the least fish friendly but that doesn't mean that fish don't live in the drains. The DFO will be revisiting this issue of F drains being reclassified as C drains. Drainage Superintendents and the DFO have to work together.

There is a process to reclassify drains if you do not agree with the classification. In some cases the entire drain is classified as one class instead of classifying the sections of the main drain and branches separately if necessary. All of the CAs should be following the same procedures across the province.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Moved by Harry Hutchison and seconded by Garry Fischer that DSAO Treasurer's Report be adopted – Carried.

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Board of Directors meeting was held from June 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in Keene Ontario.

The certificate given to all new members has been updated in order to remove the seals for each year. This issue will be brought up at the All Chapters Meeting at the PEO Conference on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. This meeting will be held in Guelph at the Ramada Inn.

In southern Ontario many open drains are being replaced with tiles, which DFO does not like. If this is something you are looking at doing talk to your local CA before you hire an Engineer. This will help you save time and money as well as facilitate the negotiation of additional fish compensation.

The DSAO portion of the Drainage Superintendents course will be audited to see if it need to be revamped. It may be beneficial to add an in field component to the practical aspect of this course.

The Drain Improvement Request Form is to be filled out before going to Council. This form is for Council and the CAs. The version on the web site right now is not user friendly but that is going to change soon.

The Fish Evaluation Form is to be completed by the Engineer and sent to the appropriate Conservation Authority.

Tree by-laws will be coming out and we need to ensure that Municipal Drains are exempt.

The Clean Water Act has received 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, hopefully they will listen to DSAO/LISO comments before the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

CAs are not to charge when reviewing maintenance projects. The Upper and Lower Thames was charging but now they are backing off. There may be fees for reviewing new reports. CAs should come to the on-site meetings so they know the background of the new reports.

The DSAO and LICO are working together on a letter regarding the Clean Water Act and Source Water Protection Act.

Don Lewis is working on getting the DSAO Logo copyrighted. No update from Don.

There are selection criteria for the McNeely-Taillon-Stantec award. Any nominees should be submitted by mid-December.

Some topics for the January Conference include: Clean water update, a comparison of fish habitat in natural watercourses versus drains, impact of woodlands and tree by-laws on municipal Drains. Any other suggestions for topics should be sent to Marc.

Drainage Co-coordinators report – The grant program has \$6 million, \$4 million for maintenance projects and \$2 million for new reports. Those with new reports should get in the queue after 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the report. The Drainage Superintendents course had 28 participants including 6 from MTO and 3 consultants.

The Drainage Act and Common Law was presented to a group of people from Manitoba CA's by Marc this spring. Marc will also be traveling to Manitoba to do another presentation on December 5, 2006. In Manitoba right now they work with agreements but it isn't working very well and they are very interested in the Drainage Act.

### **Upcoming Chapter 6 Meeting**

The next Chapter 6 meeting date will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the tentative location for this meeting is the Township of Russell office, 717 Notre-Dame Street, Embrun (ON) K0A 1W1.

Following the meeting the SNCA made two special presentations. The first presentation was given by Nathan Farrell regarding the new CA Generic Regulations. Michelle Roderick also explained a study she is conducting on turtles.

Dave Ryan thanked everyone for attending.

Moved by Garry Fischer and seconded by Dave Ryan that the meeting be adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Erin Moore  
Secretary  
DSAO Chapter 6