Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

Public Drainage Meeting

September 18, 2017

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for Public Drainage Meeting with the Reeve, Ken Noland, Councillors Wayne L. Bailey and Art F. Hayden attending. Also attending was John Kuntze, P.Eng from K. Smart and Associates Ltd. Clerk Bonnie Bailey attended to record the minutes.

Attending:

Property Owners

Cathie Runnalls Blair Bailey

Morley Runnals Mike Bell Floyd Orford

Phil Dean Jeff Bailey Allen E. Ross

Margery Dean Ron Bailey Rodger & Donna Pearson

Simon Blair Marg Bailey Gregory Odjig

Melanie Blain Penny Palonen Gina Geick

Brad Nead Philip & Cindy Harper

Mike Ogden Murray Orford

Steve Maxwell Brent Best

Drainage Superintendent - Robert Sheach

Reeve, K. Noland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Reeve, K. Noland introduced the engineer and noted that he would be giving a summary of his report. Reeve, K. Noland also informed the property owners that the meeting would be their opportunity to discuss their opinions of the design of the drain. Also everyone was informed that if anyone who had put in a petition could withdraw their name or if anyone wanted their name added to the petition it could be done at this time.

John Kuntze, P.Eng gave a summary of his report and a history of the process behind the areas being included in Burpee Drain 1. He noted the Municipality’s inability to maintain the Burpee Drain 1 because of the high lake level in Lorne Lake making the south end of the drain inaccessible. This led to the incorporation of the Lorne Lake outlet with Burpee Drain 1. A petition was put forward to have an addition to the drain to provide drainage to Lot 26 Con 7. The engineers report includes these two additions to the Burpee Drain 1 plus the necessary maintenance of the drain.

Floyd Orford inquired as to the work that would be done on the drain that went through his property and that he had not been aware that this would be done. He felt there was information the Engineer needed to complete this work. John Kuntzy made arrangements to meet with Mr. Orford the following morning on site to discuss the work to be done.

Morley Runnalls wondered if it wouldn’t be less expensive to drain south instead of north on McKinley Road, thereby avoiding the cost of blasting rock. The engineer noted that there was no outlet available in that area for them to drain south.

Melanie Blain was concerned about the ninety foot path along the outlet of Lorne Lake. The engineer stated he would work with the home owners as to the work to be done in this area.

Steve Maxwell had concerns with the Lorne Lake outlet being included as part of the drain and had made comments about this when the issue was brought forward at a previous public meeting. He noted that he has examined the creek bed every year for 30 years and the only time it made an effect was several years ago. Mr. Maxwell thinks this is one step closer to having the limestone ledge removed. Mr. John Kuntzy ENG. Noted that the report shows a definite line as to the elevation in the outlet and that is above the limestone ledge.

John Kuntze, P.Eng brought forward information from the Ministry of Natural Resourses that Wayne Selinger, Management Bioligist, MFRF Sudbury District had submitted as information for the meeting. Mr. Wayne Selinger MNRF noted “If there are new obstructions in the outlet channel, (i.e. recent debris, beaver dam, etc.) that have raised the lake level beyond what has been the norm historically it would seem reasonable to address these problems. However, dredging or blasting the channel to lower the lake below the normal spring/summer level would result in a harmful alteration of fish habitat. Water quality changes may also result impacting other uses of the lake.”

Steve Maxwell commented on the unnecessary cost.

Melanie Blain agreed with S. Maxwell regarding the water flow.

John Kuntze, P.Eng the water level may be fixed now but could go back to the way it was before.

Steve Maxwell suggested that the 92 meters distance to be cleaned out could be reduced.

John Kuntze, P.Eng noted that he had already reduced it to the 92 meters.

Steve Maxwell inquired as to how the clean out would be done.

John Kuntze, P.Eng explained that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry had submitted correspondence that does not allow the removal of the rock ledge due to concerns of fishery.

Simon Blair inquired if the engineering cost was in the report.

John Kuntze, P.Eng gave a breakdown of the costs, explained the location and explanation of related cost.

Rodger Pearson inquired as to what determined the Lorne Lake level.

John Kuntze, P.Eng noted that they had not done a study. They had went from the top of the rock ledge in the outlet.

Morley Runnalls inquired as to how often there would be future maintenance done. John Kuntze, P.Eng suggested it would be could be done again in 10 – 15 – 20 years.

Murray Orford inquired as to where the materials from the clean out would go. John Kuntze, P.Eng noted it would be spread out along the drain.

Murray Orford noted this stops the drainage. John Kuntze, P.Eng explained that there are channels put into material for the drainage and the Provincial grant does not cover the cost of removing the debris.

Murray Orford inquired as to the landowner making arrangements to remove the material. John Kuntze, P.Eng agreed that could be arranged with the contractor.

Gregory Odjig commented that it was interesting that everyone was talking about water. That water is the element of life and we live on an island. G.Odjig noted that if we have a plugged artery we have it unplugged.

Reeve, K. Noland address attendees to explain again that this would be the time to have their name removed from the drainage petition or to have it added to the drainage petition.

No one came forward at this time to propose the removal of a name or addition of a name to the drainage petition.

John Kuntze, P.Eng noted that for anyone interested the Municipal clerk could provide the information regarding the Drainage Tribunal.

Reeve, K.Noland adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.