

February 11, 2020

Ms Sara Peckford
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food
and Rural Affairs
Food Safety and Environmental Policy Branch
1 Stone Road West
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Dear Ms Peckford:

Re: Drainage Act Discussion Paper, ERO# 019-1187

On behalf of Council I write to express our wholehearted support for changes you are proposing in the Discussion Paper.

We welcome the changes aimed at creating a streamlined process for minor projects, allowing technical protocols to govern certain projects and providing a simplified process to update engineers' reports with "as built" information. Reducing the number of agencies a municipality needs to deal with and establishing a "one-stop" system will facilitate our drainage projects greatly. Shortening and simplifying approval processes would be much-appreciated improvements. Allowing necessary on site adjustments made during construction to be recognized in engineers' reports would be a long overdue positive change.

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to comment on the Discussion Paper. We hope the changes will be enacted in the near future.

Yours truly,



Lucy Kloosterhuis
Mayor