



Council report

Meeting date:	September 1, 2020
Title:	Appoint West Grey Member to Court of Revision
Prepared by:	Genevieve Scharback, Clerk
Reviewed by:	Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk

Recommendation

That the council of the municipality of West Grey hereby appoints Harold McKnight to serve as the West Grey representative on the Court of Revision for the Shannon Municipal Drain and Municipal Drains 30 and 52-2020 to be held on September 1, 2020 at 3 p.m. in the Town of Minto.

Executive summary

West Grey is in receipt of a request to appoint a member to the Court of Revision for the Shannon Municipal Drain and Municipal Drains 30 and 52-2020. The initiating municipality is the Town of Minto. The court has been scheduled for September 1, 2020 at 3 pm at the Harriston Community Centre.

Background and discussion

The Court of Revision is an appeal body established under the Drainage Act that allows landowners to challenge their drainage assessments. The Court of Revision has one power, to re-allocate funds in a drainage assessment schedule. The Court of Revision consists of three or five members appointed by council when a drainage work affects only one municipality. When the drainage work affects two or more municipalities the council of the initiating municipality appoints two members of the court, each other municipality affected appoints one person to be a member of the court. Court of Revision members are often council members, but any person who is eligible to be elected to council may serve as a member of the court.

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Harriston Community Centre. Due to time constraints and the West Grey council meeting scheduled for the same day, it is recommended that Mr. Harold McKnight be appointed to act as the West Grey member of the court. Mr. McKnight is eligible to serve in this role and is exceptionally knowledgeable in regards to the Drainage Act procedures. The engineer's report has been provided to Mr. McKnight, a copy of the report is also available at the municipal office.

Legal and legislated requirements

Drainage Act, 1990, as amended

Financial and resource implications

Mileage, meeting fee.

Staffing implications

Not applicable.

Consultation

Minto Clerk re: Court of Revision Notice, engineer's report

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: Work together

Goal: Build partnerships

Strategy: Leverage partnerships with neighbouring municipalities

Attachments

None.

Next steps

Following this current hearing a brief information session for council regarding the Drainage Act and court member responsibilities to be scheduled as a future council workshop.

Respectfully submitted:

Genevieve Scharback, Clerk