

Welcome!



Harrop Municipal Drain Public Meeting #1

October 23, 2019

Hagersville Community Centre – 62 Main Street South 5-7pm

GET INVOLVED!

- Please sign in on the form provided
- Please fill in a comment form and leave it with us tonight
 - Need more time? Email it after tonight's meeting to: danielle.anders@gmblueplan.ca

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to approach anyone from the Project Team, they will be glad to answer any questions you may have.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Harrop Drain was created under a report by Blake Erwin dated December 5, 1957. It provided drain plan and profiles, a land plan, assessment schedule, drain specifications and highway culvert plan.

In 1996, the City of Nanticoke had the drain re-assessed and changes were made to the assessments but not the report. In 2017, Haldimand County undertook drain maintenance and through the process of billing out for the work issues with regards to the existing and original assessments came to light.

The dispute was taken to the Drainage Referee, where the County was instructed to appoint an Engineer and undertake a Section 76 Report.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Review the existing drain details and associated documentation to ensure it is in line with the Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990 (the Drainage Act).

Develop an equitable and fair approach for re-assessment under Section 76 of the Drainage Act to develop an updated maintenance schedule. This will include confirmation of drainage area boundaries using current technology and methodologies.

Enable Haldimand County to elevate their level of services by completing the new Section 76 report and assessment schedule.



The Drainage Act R.S.O 1990 (The Drainage Act):

- Provides landowners with the ability to obtain legal drainage.
- Provides the municipality with the ability to manage drainage systems and recover costs.

The Project will be completed under Section 76 of the Drainage Act and will:

- Develop a new assessment schedule that will confirm the drainage area boundary.
- Develop a new assessment schedule for maintenance.
- Allow Haldimand County to distribute the costs of future maintenance and repair of the Drainage Works.

The Drainage Act is a tool used to resolve Common Law Drainage Problems!

Elements of a Municipal Drain

There are 3 elements to a municipal drain created under the Drainage Act:

1. Community Project

Municipal drains are developed through a public process where landowners can overcome obstacles of “Common Law” and obtain solutions to their drainage problems.

2. Legal Existence

Municipal drains have legal existence through an Engineer’s Report adopted by Municipal Council and enforceable by Municipal By-Law.

3. Drainage Scheme

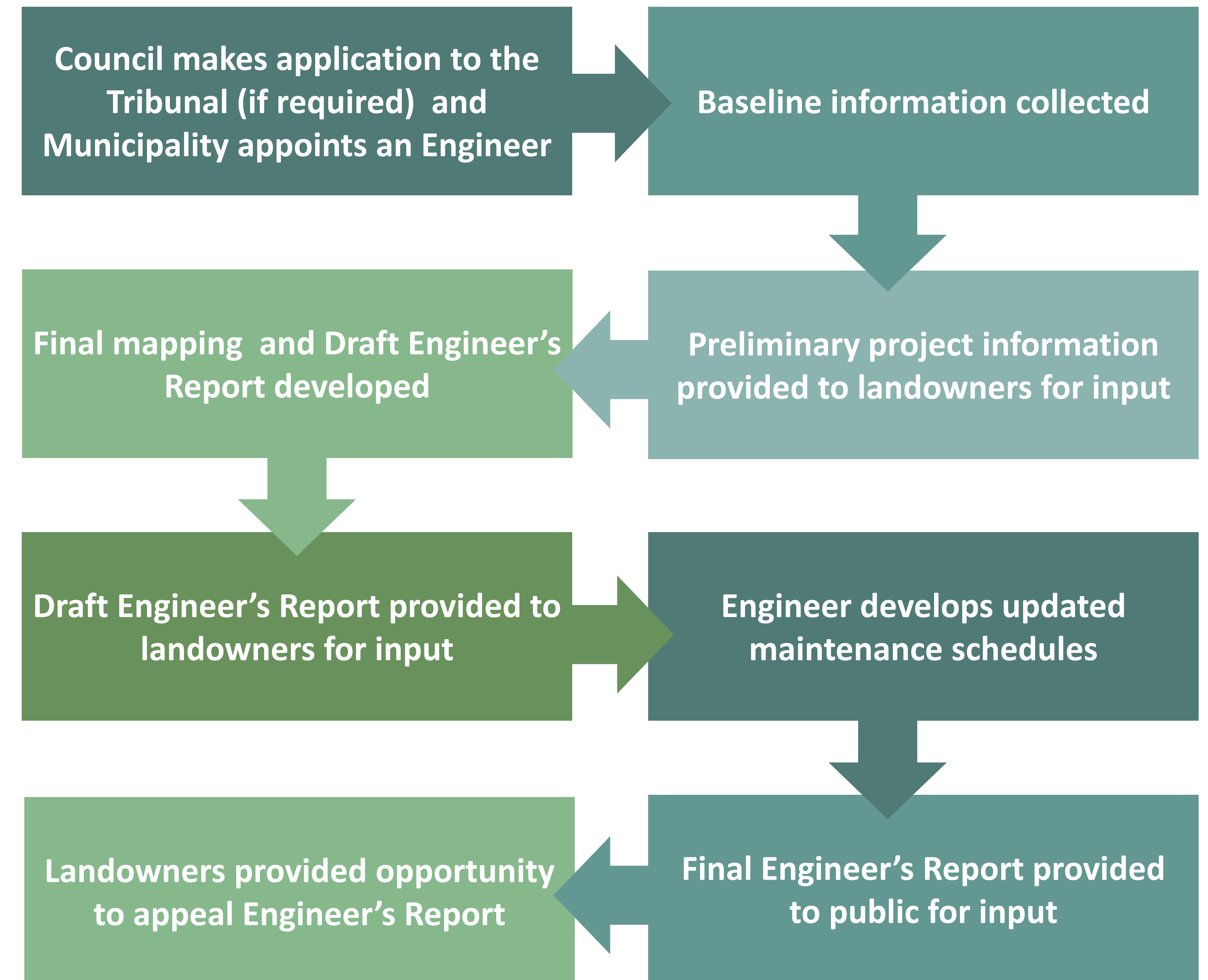
Haldimand County is given the responsibility to manage the drainage system for the benefitting lands.

Municipal drains are constructed to improve the drainage of land by serving as an outlet for private tile or other drainage systems.

Without municipal drains, many areas would be subjected to flooding, reduced production of agricultural lands and increased public health risks.

Process and Consultation

- The process under Section 76 of the Municipal Drainage Act is undertaken when a drainage system has endured changes or circumstances that causes the current maintenance schedule to be out of date.
- A Municipality may appoint an engineer to prepare a report to update the assessments of the governing municipal drain bylaw.
 - This new schedule of assessment is created in order to properly distribute the costs of maintenance to all affected landowners.
- No construction work is performed.
- The appointed Engineer simply updates or creates a new maintenance schedule for the benefit of the landowners using the drain so that the Municipality can recover any future maintenance costs.



Project Study Area



As we move through the project stages, please get involved in the process and continue to provide your feedback.

2019 – 2020



Get Engaged!
Your input is important.
Your attendance at the Public Meetings will ensure project success and allow us to address questions and concerns as they arise

- ✓ Review questions and comments following this Public Meeting
- ✓ Undertake data review and collection of new data including surveying area
- ✓ Update catchment area mapping
- ✓ Undertake draft maintenance assessment development
- ✓ Present progress at subsequent Public Meetings

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Your feedback is important. Please sign in and fill out a comment to leave with us tonight or provide it later to Danielle.anders@gmblueplan.ca

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

We appreciate the time you have taken to learn more about this Project. Your feedback is important and we encourage you to stay connected!

- ✓ Fill out a comment form
- ✓ Visit the County's website to learn more about Municipal Drains and the Drainage Act in your area <https://www.haldimandcounty.ca/municipal-drains/>
- ✓ Contact the Project Team with additional comments or questions

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