

**MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**DRAINAGE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FLEET DIVISION**

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Tim Dick, C.E.T.  
Director, Drainage, Environmental and Fleet Division

**DATE:** January 28, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Tile Drainage Loan Debenture By-law and Inspections

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

1. Three readings be given to the Rating By-law for Tile Loan Debenture # 2008-03 for March 1, 2008 imposing special annual drainage rates under the Tile Drainage Act.

**BACKGROUND**

The Province of Ontario provides loans to property owners through the Tile Loan Program to assist in funding the installation of private farm tile on their agricultural properties. The program is governed by the Tile Drainage Act. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) announced the criteria for the 2007/2008 Tile Loan Program would remain the same as last year, offering an annual loan maximum of \$50,000 with a 6% interest rate for a ten year term. Tile drainage loans are available on a first come first served basis for the Provincial fiscal year. The \$50,000 loan limit is on a per owner basis, not on a per property basis. The details of the current Tile Loan Program were announced April 30, 2007.

**COMMENTS**

The Tile Drainage Act requires that the Council of the local municipality adopt an authorizing debenture by-law for tile loans.

The following inspections have met the criteria as set out under the Tile Drainage Act.

Tile Drainage Loan Inspections Completed and Loans Requested

<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Land to be Drained</b>	<b>Amount of Loan Requested</b>	<b>Annual Payment</b>
410.001.87600	N Pt Lot 3 Concession 3 Community of Chatham Twp.	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 461.95
410.001.87700	Pt Lot 4 Concession 3 Community of Chatham Twp.	\$16,300.00	\$2,214.65
480.003.11100	W Pt Lot 3 Concession BDE Community of Dover	\$17,200.00	\$2,336.93
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		<b>\$36,900.00</b>	<b>\$5,013.53</b>

**COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

The recommendation in this report supports the following objectives and strategic directions:

B: Economy – We are a prosperous community

B4: Encourage the continuing growth of a diversified and sustainable economic base

**Desired Outcomes/Proposed Activities**

- Develop and promote available industrial/commercial/residential/agricultural properties.

The recommendation will not adversely impact on the remainder of the Community Strategic Plan.

**CONSULTATION**

Correspondence has been received this year from the office of the Minister of Agriculture and Food, Leona Dombrowsky, announcing that funding is available through the Tile Loan Program for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendation.

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