



Re: Operating Criteria for the W. Darcy McKeough Floodway

Whereas the Expropriation Certificate (dated 1984) for the floodway states that the dam can be operated and lands flooded “for the purpose of alleviating flooding at the Town of Wallaceburg but not for any other purpose whatsoever;

Whereas the current dam operations manual was developed in 1987 and updated in 1992; Whereas while the current operation of the dam has saved property damage and flooding in Wallaceburg there still remains certain properties in Wallaceburg that continue to flood under the current operating criteria;

Whereas the current operating procedure for the dam states that “ Due to the unpredictable nature of flooding circumstances, the elevations and data in this manual can be used only as a basic guide for the operation of the gates. The final decision may be a judgment call based on all data available and the circumstances at the time of the flood threat which may not have been foreseeable at the time this manual was printed”; and,

Whereas in a review of all of the documents there is nothing prohibiting a review and /or a revision of the operating criteria used for the closure and opening of the dam.

Therefore, in 2019 the Municipality of Chatham-Kent provide assistance, cooperation and support in asking the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (“SCRCA”) to undertake a fulsome review of the operating criteria for the W. Darcy McKeough Floodway Dam. The purpose will be to update the operating criteria in the hope that flooding that is still occurring in the former Town of Wallaceburg can be eliminated.

Signed: Councillor Jeff Wesley

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