

**Municipality Of Chatham-Kent**  
**Infrastructure and Engineering Services**  
**Drainage, Asset and Waste Management**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Tim Dick, C.E.T.  
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**Date:** January 8, 2021

**Subject:** Tile Drainage Loan Debenture By-law and Inspection

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that:

1. The Rating By-law for Tile Loan Debenture # 2021-03 for March 1, 2021 imposing special annual drainage rates under the Tile Drainage Act be approved.

**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 2020/2021 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 confirmed by phone call.

**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 Inspection Completed and Loan Requested**

Roll No.	Land to be Drained	Amount of Loan Requested	Annual Payment
210.003.43300	Pt Lot 5 Conc 11 Community of Howard	\$29,100.00	\$3,953.76
	Total	\$29,100.00	\$3,953.76

**Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors**

The recommendation in this report supports the following areas of strategic focus:

- Economic Prosperity:  
Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy
- A Healthy and Safe Community:  
Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth
- People and Culture:  
Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community
- Environmental Sustainability:  
Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendation in this report supports the following critical success factors:

- Financial Sustainability:  
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable
- Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:  
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership
- Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors
- Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

**Consultation**

Confirmation has been received this year from the Environmental Management Branch office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announcing that funding is available through the Tile Loan Program for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

**Financial Implications**

A \$270 inspection fee is charged to property owners for inspecting and processing tile loans. It is included as an eligible cost for obtaining a tile loan. This user fee is authorized under Section 391 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, (S.O. 2001, c.25) and is a budget revenue item for the Drainage Division.

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