

June 19, 2025

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Re: Engineer's Report Under the Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990
– Point Abino Municipal Drain

The Point Abino Municipal Drain Report has been completed and subsequently filed with the clerk of the City of Port Colborne on May 20, 2025. The next step of the Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990 is to proceed with the Meeting to Consider. That meeting shall take place as follows:

Date for consideration: Monday July 7, 2025
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario

At the meeting, Port Colborne City Council will have three options:

- adopt the Report and give the Provisional By-law two readings as required by legislation, which then allows for the appeal process to begin as prescribed by the Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990
- reject the Report
- redirect/refer the Report back to the Engineer to make changes related to errors, omissions, design or scope of work

As per Section 42 of the Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990, at the Meeting to Consider, Council shall give the following two options:

1. Shall allow any person who has signed a drainage petition to remove their name (none have signed for this drain)
2. Shall give property owners who require drainage and have not signed a petition an opportunity to file a petition with the Deputy Clerk by the end of the meeting.

A copy of the engineer's report and supporting documents are available on the City of Port Colborne's website. Please review the report and associated assessments at:

<https://www.portcolborne.ca/municipaldrains>

On the webpage, scroll down to the Additional Resources 'Engineer's Reports' section to find the Point Abino Municipal Drain Report April 9, 2025. The assessment tables begin on page 42 of the pdf.

Further, scroll down to the Addition Resources 'Supporting Documents' section to review the 'Point Abino Baseline Report' and 'Point Abino Hydrology and Hydraulics Report'.

If you have a concern about your individual property's assessment, please be aware that Port Colborne Council is not able to make changes to the Report at the 'Meeting to Consider'. If you have concerns with your assessment, that will be dealt with at the Court of Revision which will be at a future meeting.

The Court of Revision and/or Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness appeal Tribunal, if necessary, will be held sometime after the Meeting to Consider at times prescribed by the legislation. Landowners will be notified of the hearing date upon scheduling of such and copy of the by-law and information about the appeal dates and forms will be provided to you in a later mailing.

Please Note: While this drain affects properties within Fort Erie, it is managed solely by the City of Port Colborne under the Drainage Act. The Town of Fort Erie is not the leading municipality in this matter and does not advocate on behalf of landowners as part of this process.

Staff in Port Colborne will be recommending that Council adopt the Engineer's Report as filed and that the Provisional By-law be given the required two readings.

Please contact the Clerk's office if you have any questions regarding the Meeting to Consider or if you wish to **register** as a delegate at the Meeting to Consider. **Registration is not required and all assessed landowners in the Point Abino Drain Report who wish to be heard may address Council.**

For questions, or to register as a delegate (optional), please contact:

- **Janice Peyton** (June 9–June 20): 905-228-8131 /
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- **Alana Vander Veen**, Drainage Superintendent: 905-228-8127 /
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If you cannot access the report online, it can be provided to you in an alternative format or viewed at one of Fort Erie's Public Libraries. For further information, please contact the above named or **Troy Davidson**, Drainage Superintendent for Fort Erie – 905-871-1600 extension 2405 or tdavidson@forterie.ca

Sincerely,

Troy Davidson

Drainage Superintendent