

Tavistock Flood Prevention Working Group

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 31, 2006
7:00 p.m. Tavistock & District Recreation Centre

1. Called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Don McKay. The late start time was due to another significant storm event in Tavistock. Group members observed the flooding situation first hand before attending the meeting.
2. Present:
 - From Council: Don McKay
 - From the County: Shahab Shafai
 - From Township Staff: Dennis O'Neil, Jim Harmer, Jeff Carswell
 - From RJ Burnside: Paul McIntyre
 - From Dietrich Engineering: Bill Dietrich and Michel Terzian
 - Also Present: Bonnie Kropf, Don MacDonald
3. The agenda was approved.
4. The meeting notes from the last meeting were approved.
5. Bill Dietrich presented an overview of the options to address the petition for drainage submitted by the Township. He has explored various options and obtained input from the group on the options proposed. Generally the group felt the options being explored would assist with the problems and that Option 4 was the most preferable of the options. The engineer did note that a storm, such as that experienced tonight would still have a significant impact and any of the options would not provide a guarantee that future events would eliminate flooding problems. **Action** - The engineer will finalize the report for submission to Council as quickly as possible.
6. The group reviewed the draft update flyer and authorized distribution as quickly as possible. In light of the current storm, Paul McIntyre will follow up with residents that are known to have disconnected to determine whether they experienced basement flooding during this storm. If the disconnect option has been successful in preventing flooding this information could be included. The County will review the flyer and provide feedback by Thursday. **Action** – Finalize and distribute flyer as quickly as possible.
7. Paul McIntyre advised the working group that the County has engaged R.J. Burnside to investigate three additional matters:
 - a. Followup with residents that had submitted a survey

- b. Survey the older parts of town to determine the extent to which storm water may be entering the sanitary system
 - c. Complete hydraulic grade line calculations related to the sanitary system
8. Other Business:
- a. Shahab reported that the County has investigated the concern brought forward at the last meeting regarding the bridge crossing the Shakespeare Drain (Item #7). He reported the County investigated the bridge and there are not any problems with the bridge.
 - b. The group requested Shahab investigate what the flows were for the Sanitary System during this storm event and whether the sanitary system pumps were working properly. **Action** – Shahab to investigate the sanitary system pumping station records.
9. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.