

Tavistock Flood Prevention Working Group

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, June 20, 2006
7:00 p.m. Tavistock & District Recreation Centre

1. Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Don McKay.
2. Present:
From Council: Don McKay, Dave Oliphant, Betty Yeoman, Maureen Ralph, Don MacDonald
From the County: Shahab Shafai
From Township Staff: Dennis O'Neil, Jim Harmer, Jeff Carswell
From RJ Burnside: Paul McIntyre
Also Present: Approximately 25 residents
3. The agenda was approved.
4. The meeting notes from the last meeting were approved.
5. Mayor McKay reviewed events that have led up to this meeting and formation of the working group. This included the 2005 Flooding, work on the Bender Subdivision Drainage Petition, the disconnect program, the May 31st storm, the Update Flyer that went out June 7th and other matters related to drainage in Tavistock.
6. The group listened to concerns brought forward by the public. These included:
 - Cleanout of the Shakespeare Drain – Jim Harmer advised it was cleaned and observed during the May 31 storm
 - Concerns about the Sewage system pumps – Shahab Shafai responded to questions on the sanitary sewer system
 - Shakespeare Sanitary Sewage – it shouldn't be coming to Tavistock with all the problems
 - Paul MacIntyre informed residents of the specific investigations the County has retained RJ Burnside to complete. These include downspout survey, hydraulic grade line determination and pump efficiency review.
 - The group questioned whether the disconnects being promoted worked. Paul MacIntyre advised he contacted people that completed the disconnects and 11 or the 12 worked. The one that ended up with water appears to be for reasons unrelated to the disconnect.
 - Some residents suggested all development in the village be halted
 - There was the suggestion that the advice program be mandatory rather than as requested

- There were suggestions that more should be done to communicate with residents. Possibly more direct mailings and contact to advise of meetings.

7. Other Business:

- a. The committee considered a Public Meeting. A tentative date of July 25th was proposed and will be recommended to Council.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.