



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BROCKTON

**Municipal Office
100 Scott Street, Box 68
WALKERTON, Ontario NOG 2V0**

June 30, 2017

Dear [REDACTED]:

Enclosed please find a "Petition for Drainage Works by Owners, Form 1", which was forwarded to the Municipality of Brockton.

I am the Drainage Superintendent for the Municipality of Brockton, responsible for maintenance of Municipal Drains created by an Engineer under by-law, and advising on the tile drainage of Agricultural land, in the Municipality of Brockton.

The reason for this enclosure, is because I was approached by Mr. Harry Koelen, of H & L Koelen Farms Ltd, and AgDrain Farm Drainage Ltd., requesting assistance in obtaining an tile outlet for the property of Harry Koelen, Lot 10, Concession 14, of the former Township of Greenock, across your property, Lot 11, Concession 14, of the same Township, to a Natural Watercourse running through your property.

Harry Koelen indicated to me that he had contacted you regarding the above and that you indicated that you preferred not to be involved at this time. Harry Koelen requires an tile outlet across your property and I understand that for permission to cross your property, he is willing to absorb much of the cost.

I personally prefer to see land owners work things out to an agreeable solution. I indicated to Harry that if this is not possible, then the only other alternative is through the Ontario Drainage Act. The enclosed petition is the first step in that long and laborious process.

If something cannot be worked out, the next step, is for me to present this petition to Council, at the next Council meeting. Council will then appoint an Engineer, who will perform a survey, and bring a report to Council, including financial assessments to each landowner. Your assessment would probably be in the range of 60 to 75 percent of the costs. Request for tenders would be called, and the work recommended by the Engineering report, completed.

From my experience, it is usually less costly to all landowners concerned, and usually more acceptable, to arrive at some Mutual Agreement, then having something forced upon those same landowners, by the Municipality through the Engineer.

I would appreciate it very much if you would contact Harry Koelen at 1 519 270-9501, and discuss the above.

Yours Sincerely

Harold McKnight
Drainage Superintendent, Brockton

cc: Koelen Farms Ltd,
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