



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Municipal Drainage Status Update April 2026**

**Date: Apr. 13, 2026**

**Report Number: DRA-2026-07**

**Department: Drainage**

**File Number: C11 DRA 26**

**Prepared By: Landon Hunter, Drainage Superintendent**

**Attachments: None**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report DRA-2026-06 prepared by Landon Hunter, Drainage Superintendent.

### **Background:**

Municipal Drainage projects are in various stages of completion. This report is to provide Council with an update on each drain in progress. Previous update provided in [Report DRA-2026-01](#).

### **Discussion/Analysis/Overview:**

#### **Capital Works**

##### **Gaunt-Laidlaw Municipal Drain**

The one-year appeal period commenced on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the Gaunt-Laidlaw project. Upon expiration of the warranty period, final assessments will be calculated and levied against the landowners.

##### **Hamilton Municipal Drain**

Construction on the Hamilton Drain project commenced on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Construction is scheduled to resume as ground conditions improve and is scheduled to be completed this spring.

##### **Sutton Municipal Drain**

The Engineer's reports have been accepted by Council and the Court of Revision proceedings have concluded including appeal periods. This project is currently in the tendering process.

##### **Clark Creek Municipal Drain**

The project has been completed, and the one-year warranty period has expired. Final costs will be assessed to affected landowners. Additional maintenance may be required in the future

##### **Black Creek Municipal Drain**

Council has referred this report back to the Engineers for further consideration. The Engineers are meeting with Council on April 13<sup>th</sup> to confirm the scope of the project prior to providing an updated report.

A public meeting will be held following the receipt of an updated report, with notices of the meeting being provided to impacted landowners in advance.

### **Vandiepenbeek Municipal Drain**

The project has been completed, and the one-year warranty period has expired. Final costs will be assessed to affected landowners. Additional maintenance may be required in the future

### **Bruce Beach Phase II**

The Engineer is expected to schedule a public meeting with the updated design this spring. Residents will have the opportunity to provide additional feedback at that meeting. Following this meeting, a final report will be prepared for submission to the Clerk per the Drainage Act requirements.

### **Park Street and Railway Municipal Drains**

Two appeals on the quality of construction have been received for the Park Street Municipal Drain. The Drainage Act provides that any owner of land dissatisfied with the quality of work may appeal to the tribunal on grounds to be stated. The Tribunal decides if the appeal is merited and will set the time and place for a hearing. The decision of the Tribunal respecting these appeals is final. The hearing has been scheduled.

### **Others**

There are no updates available at his time on the ongoing capital drain projects: Ripley Drain #2, Thompson Lamont-Deyell Municipal Drain, Pennell Municipal Drain, Jantzi Municipal Drain and Kempton Municipal Drain.

## **Maintenance Works**

### **Maintenance Assessments Outstanding**

Maintenance projects have been completed on the following municipal drains; the Harris Drain, J.W. Henderson Drain, Lake Range Drain, and Ackert Drain. Staff are preparing assessments to affected landowners. Information regarding maintenance conducted in the Black Creek Municipal Drain Watershed is included with Report DRA-2026-06.

### **New Requests Received**

Requests for maintenance have been received for the following municipal drains: Carter Drain, Kennedy Drain, Ackert Drain, Pennel Drain, and Tuscarora Drain. Municipal staff have completed site inspections and initiated the necessary work.

### **On Going Maintenance Projects**

Maintenance on the Stewart Municipal Drain commenced in the fall of 2025, with work scheduled to resume this spring as conditions permit. Municipal tile drain repairs are to be completed on the Murray Municipal Drain. Trappers are currently

working to address beaver activity on the Ackert Drain and the Taylor Tiffen Scott MD.

**Financial Impacts:**

The cost of constructing, maintaining and/or repairing municipal drains is assessed to all the landowners within the drain watershed depicted in the last engineer's report as outlined in the *Drainage Act, 1990*. The Township is responsible for any Assessments to all Municipal lands and roads as determined by the engineer.

**Performance Measurement:**

N/A

**Strategic Area:**

- Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle
- Enhance Municipal Service Delivery
- Prepare for Inclusive Growth
- Ensure Financial Stability

**Strategic Goal: Manage assets and infrastructure**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer