

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex (via e-mail)

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Re: Support of Resolution from the Council of Southwest Middlesex addressing concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways.**

Please be advised that on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Council of Southwest Middlesex's motion (attached) requesting that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways.

***Motion #13 – Moved by Bob Woolvett, Seconded by Gary Atkinson that Plympton-Wyoming Council supports the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex's resolution regarding Drainage Matters: CN Rail.***  
***Motion Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (all sent via e-mail)  
The Honorable Marc Gardeau, Minister of Transport  
The Honorable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Middlesex-London  
Lianne Rood, MP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

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Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

December 7, 2020

Please be advised that the Council of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution at its November 25, 2020 Council meeting:

Drainage Matters: CN Rail

Moved by Councillor McGill

Seconded by Councillor Virk

**“WHEREAS municipalities are facilitators of the provincial process under the *Drainage Act* providing land owners to enter into agreements to construct or improve drains, and for the democratic procedure for the construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and**

**WHEREAS municipal drain infrastructure and railway track infrastructure intersect in many areas in Ontario; and**

**WHEREAS coordination with national railways is required for the construction or improvement of drains that benefit or intersect with national railways; and**

**WHEREAS the national railways have historically participated in the process for construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and**

**WHEREAS currently municipalities are experiencing a lack of coordination with national railways on drainage projects; and**

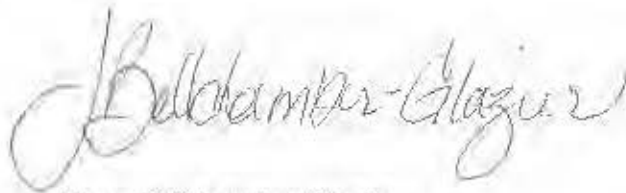
**WHEREAS the lack of coordination is resulting in projects being significantly delayed or cancelled within a year; and**

**WHEREAS municipal drains remove excess water to support public and private infrastructure and agricultural operations;**

**THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways; and**

**THAT Council circulate the resolution to the Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.”**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier".

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier  
CAO-Clerk

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