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## MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE BILLING



Municipal drains operate under the Drainage Act, which is provincial legislation, and are an essential part of a municipality's infrastructure. They are responsible for managing and directing storm water and wastewater away from streets, homes, and other sensitive areas to prevent flooding and protect public health. Effective management and maintenance of municipal drains are crucial to ensure they function properly. Wainfleet achieves this through the Annual Maintenance Program which provides for cleaning 15-20 km of open drains each year. Maintenance activities generally include mowing, brushing, ditching, beaver dam removal, and culvert repair and replacement.

## COMMON QUESTIONS

### Why am I getting this bill?

In accordance with the Drainage Act, the cost of construction, maintenance and repairs of municipal drains are paid by the property owners whose property benefits from, or is protected by, the drain being billed.

### How was the annual maintenance program approved?

The following by-laws were implemented to ensure that maintenance is properly approved, planned, funded and executed.

March 31, 2020 – DSR 003/2020

March 30, 2021 – DSR 006/2021

April 5, 2022 – DSR 002/2022

April 4, 2023 – DSR 003/2023

### Will this be added to my tax account?

Yes, drainage billing will appear on your Tax Account Statements, but will be billed separately from Interim and Final Taxes.

### Are there more bills coming?

The Township of Wainfleet is served by over 250km of Municipal Drains. If you are assessed on multiple drains you may receive more than one bill.

### What happens if I don't pay my bill?

A penalty of 1.25% is added to all past due amounts on the 1st of each month.

## HOW TO PAY

**Pay In Person:** Township Hall at 31940 Highway 3 by cheque, cash or debit.

**Online or In Person Banking:** At your financial institution or through online banking. Simply add the Township of Wainfleet as a "payee" and use your 19 digit roll number as your account number. (Do not use spaces, dots or dashes)

**Credit Cards:** Through Paymentus, a third party service that accepts Visa or Mastercard. Please note there is 2.5% service fee. Please visit the website for the link to pay.

**By Mail or Drop Box:** Cheque only to 31940 Highway 3 Wainfleet, ON LOS 1V0.

## INQUIRIES

### Regarding Specific Drain Maintenance Work and Assessments

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### Regarding Payments

Finance Department

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## MORE INFORMATION

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