

1. **C-2025-062**
Correspondence dated February 6, 2025 from Autism Ontario respecting a request to proclaim April 2, 2025 as World Autism Day.

2. **C-2025-063**
Correspondence received February 11, 2025 from the Wainfleet Township Drainage Advisory Committee respecting approved minutes from its August 2024 meeting.

Subject: Webform submission from: Request a Flag Raising > Content rows > Row component

Submitted on Thu, 02/06/2025 - 11:27

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name:

Erika Luoma

Business/Organization

Autism Ontario

Email:

erika.luoma@autismontario.com

Telephone Number:

[8004727789](tel:8004727789)

Please enter details of your request here:

Autism Ontario is a charitable organization founded in 1973, and we are privileged to support the autism community of the Township of Wainfleet. We have more than 50 years of supporting, representing, and advocating for all autistic individuals across the province regardless of race, ethnicity, income, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Join Autism Ontario as we Celebrate the Spectrum this upcoming World Autism Day by flying your flag for our “Fly the Flag” campaign and formally proclaiming April 2, 2025, as World Autism Day. This is an excellent opportunity for your municipality to show support for autistic individuals across Ontario and in your communities.

Thank you again for purchasing a flag last year. We appreciate your support! This year we have launched a shop where additional items may be purchased:

<https://celebratethespectrum.com/shop/>

What is Celebrate the Spectrum?

Celebrate the Spectrum is our campaign for World Autism Day celebrations. It is an opportunity for positive action to provide spaces of support and advocacy for our diverse communities while learning about autism, and how we can all make our communities better for autistic individuals. Our campaign theme is tie-dye, symbolizing the beautiful uniqueness and individuality of every autistic person. Celebrate the Spectrum unites families, schools, communities, businesses, government, and professionals in recognizing World Autism Day by celebrating autistic people and bringing to light the systemic barriers that must be removed to create a more supportive and inclusive Ontario.

We are always available to help with resources and ideas on how you can get involved. Let’s come together and embrace our diversity, exploring endless possibilities in every pattern!

Let us know if you will be flying the flag!

I can be reached via email or at the telephone number below. Thank you for your time and I look forward to connecting with you soon.

With appreciation,
Erika Luoma
Fund and Volunteer Coordinator, Mom of an Autistic Adult

You can upload relevant documents here:

- [autism-ontario-world-autism-day-proclamation-2025.pdf](#)

I Agree

Yes



A Proclamation on World Autism Day 2025

Whereas:

World Autism Day is recognized on April 2, 2025, in Canada. Autism Ontario is one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community, and the work we do helps all autistic individuals and families in their communities have access to meaningful support, information, and connections — not only on April 2 but every day throughout the year.

Whereas:

Autism impacts more than 135,000 individuals in Ontario, representing 1 in every 50 Canadian children and youth. It not only influences the lives of autistics but also their friends, families, and communities. It's crucial for us to raise awareness, and acceptance, provide support and promote a more inclusive society.

Whereas:

Autism is a diverse spectrum that varies widely among individuals. Each person's experience with autism can change over time. This evolving journey highlights the uniqueness of every autistic individual, emphasizing the need for understanding and support tailored to their specific needs.

Whereas:

Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism, and since 1973, has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province.

Whereas:

Autism Ontario is devoted to raising public awareness about autism and addressing the everyday challenges faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals who work alongside them. We urge everyone to recognize and celebrate the unique differences and needs of others, fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can participate fully in activities and discussions. Together, we can create a society that values and includes everyone.

Now Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that I, (insert Mayor name or designate), do hereby recognize April 2 as World Autism Day while committing to embrace awareness and acceptance today and every day throughout the year.

Dated at (municipality), Ontario this 2nd day of April 2025.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET
DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

DAC03/24
AUGUST 16, 2024
8:30 A.M.
BOARDROOM 1

PRESENT: L. Aarts, T. Gilmore, M. Henderson, K. Hessels, J. Sonneveld & G. Veldhuizen

STAFF PRESENT: A. Chrastina & M. Jemison

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

2. **Declarations of Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None.

3. **Adoption of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes**

Resolution DAC-004-2024

Moved by Member Sonneveld

Seconded by Member Veldhuizen

“THAT the minutes of the meeting held March 7, 2024 be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

4. **Business**

a) Development of a Buffer Policy along municipal drains

Buffers along municipal drains are a best management practice being promoted by the Province. Staff plan to bring forward a policy for Council consideration to ensure consistency in incorporating buffer strips into drainage reports going forward.

There are several benefits to this approach. Despite this, the Committee agrees that public education should be undertaken prior to the passing of a policy using possible available methods including:

- i. Tax bill insert in January 2025
- ii. Public open house winter 2025
- iii. Information provided at the 2024 Wainfleet Fall Fair

b) Engineering report update: Ellsworth, Casey Drain, Big Forks, etc.

Staff are working on setting up meetings in September 2024 for the Ellsworth and Casey Drains. Big Forks is now in progress. R. J. Burnside has all of our data.

Two new petitions for improvement have been received and approved by Council since the last Committee meeting (Aldrey and Perry). Spriet has been appointed for both.

c) Maintenance update

Some unscheduled maintenance has been required this year due largely to an abundance of beavers. Complete to date are 13,088 linear meters with a 9,540 remaining. The Side Road 20 construction project is complete. There has been some equipment downtime.

5. **Other Business**

a) Wainfleet Fall Fair

Mark will inquire with the Agricultural Society regarding the Committee providing information on a Buffer Policy during the Fall Fair.

b) Billing

Maintenance back billing for the last few years will be going out in September.

6. **Next Meeting Date**

A date and time to be confirmed in Fall, 2024

7. **Adjournment of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

L. Aarts, CHAIR

A. Chrastina, RECORDING SECRETARY

Approved February 11, 2025