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Attention: Ms. Joanne Bougie-Normand

RE: Drainage Superintendent Duties

Dear Ms. Bougie-Normand

Please find enclosed a brief description of work performed for the period between from February 1st to February 28th, 2025.

General Drainage concerns

- 1) The contractor requested by some landowners along the Rochon municipal drain continued to clean the ditch bottom until reaching the 800 west side road where the services were requested, but an error by the locator did not indicate the section along this road where we have to replace an access culverts. We had to stop this maintenance work until getting either a clearance or where services are to prevent breaking service supplies. The large snowfall also made it very difficult to continue this work. To continue would be much more costly having to remove snow before getting to the spoils in the drain. I decided to stop this work until better conditions come later to install the replace the access culvert before the owner needs to enter in the field this spring.
- 2) I assisted the finance department by reviewing the assessment schedules to assess cost for the municipal drains where 2024 maintenance work completion. We sent some municipal drains schedules where work in the Nation affected neighbouring municipalities upstream of the Nation are part of the watershed. There was 40 schedules to review for work completion or engineer's report completion for 2024. They have access to information of the properties in their municipalities to update the schedules so that we can use it to apply for maintenance grant.
- 3) We received a few land severances request, and sent recommendations/ comments to have engineer's report updated during the severance procedures to keep assessment schedule up to date to be able to keep performing maintenance with actual data to assess fair cost shares for each parcel of land as required by the Ontario Drainage Act.

- 4) We are still active inspecting preparation work along the Cobb's Lake Creek. The contractor as hauled some rock protection material that we have to receive and accept grading. The contractor as shown to be difficult to deal with procedures and cost payment for items mostly looking for every extra possible. We will have to be even more diligent and present onsite to gather as much information when the contractor is working to be able to justify was as been done, and what should not be paid out. The information we gather are shared with the appointed engineer so they can process payment certificates as they determine fair as per the contract modalities. The engineers will be required to spend more time than estimated making this part of managing this contact more costly to keep the cost of construction lower. The contractor seems to be over surveying the site for the time being. I made it clear with the surveyors that they need to take in account where the centre line and the existing width of the drain and the report profile to follow. The GPS can only do so much, and onsite measurements are required moving upstream. We have to be very meticulous onsite to make sure the contractor does not over excavate the ditch banks relying on a false alignment. We are working in close contact with the appointed engineering firm to make sure all information is verified before any change of orders or extra work are attempted to be charged to the drain.

Hoping the above is to your satisfaction, I remain.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Leroux".

Eric Leroux
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