Drainage Work Group Meeting

**When:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. VIRTUAL ONLY

**Where:** Virtual Option at:

Microsoft Teams meeting

**DWG membership and decision making.**

Gile presented the DWG decision making process which was adopted by the DWG membership in 2018. This document was developed to lay out the purpose, typical membership structure, general working process and decision making process at the DWG. With some turnover in the past years as well as discussions around the early coordination framework this refresher was timely for general understanding purposes.

**Discussion of “Needs justification” in support of Early Coordination improvement**

As requested Ted Suss provided a written assessment of what the intention behind the framework of the Registry bill was meant to address. This has been provided to the members and we will spend some time reviewing what was put forth and set the stage for next steps.

Some discussion still occurred around the inclusion of repairs, however it is clear from the document that the proponents are willing to have some discussion around repairs and made clear smaller “everyday repairs” (Though we all discussed there isn’t a definition to separate large repairs from small) are not in the intended scope and they are willing to discuss further.

**Discussion on Items needed to support Drainage Projects.**

This topic has been touched on with a few other discussions and through conversations with various members there seems to be interest in trying to put in motion some efforts to clarify the documentation to support drainage projects.

This can be of value for a few of the following reasons

* + Outlet adequacy discussions
  + This can be of value for DNR assessments
  + BWSR Grant eligibility (Now and future)
  + Environmental considerations.
  + Creating some form of “Regulatory certainty” for Drainage Authority.

There seems to be openness to this dialogue however the details of various individual aspects is likely to be very complex. I expect more details and discussion to come.