

A Hello to Council from Adam Martin 1899 Pigeon Lake Rd.

I am the Farmer requesting the municipal drain. I bought this farm in April with intentions of tile draining it this fall so we can grow crops. All of the fields are extremely wet. The field by the road has water standing a lot of the year because the Pigeon Lake Road ditch drains onto my farm then the water runs on the surface into a pond behind our house. Then it goes out of the pond on the other side into a ditch that goes east over Paul and Diane's farm. Here is what we had hoped to do. We wanted to hire a drainage contractor to dig the existing ditch deeper from the pond on my land over across Paul and Diane's farm until we had enough fall for a sufficient drain. That would have been starting at 4' deeper on my land and continuing over across Paul and Diane's farm for a total of about 400-600 feet. We told them we would pay for all of the cost. They didn't want to let us do anything to the ditch so we asked if we could bury a pipe across their farm. The answer was no. Next we got Lucas Feitler, drainage inspector for City of Kawartha Lakes, involved

He suggested a Mutual Agreement drain for that ditch. Lucas supplied us and Paul and Diane with info about Mutual Agreement drains. Paul and Diane thought about it for a while and said no. They wanted us to drain all our fields into the roadside ditch and put a culvert under our driveway so the water would flow east along the road ditch instead of going across their land. So we checked into that. Public Works told me the ditch is working as it was designed to work and no they wouldn't do anything about it. But they would let me if I paid for everything. After checking in some more we found out it wouldn't work because it would need extreme depth; approx. 11 feet deep, and culverts would have to be replaced under Paul and Diane's 2 laneways with 24" culverts. The ditch would have to be cleaned all the way to the bottom of the hill. The cost would be totally unfeasible. This is why I applied for a Municipal Drain so that hopefully we could grow crops and make some profit instead of losing more money than we get.

Ask Lucas Feitler for more details if needed. Thanks Adam Martin
Nancy Martin (wife) -