



IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

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IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kevin Buis - Chair, Erwin Wiens - Vice Chair, Michael Kauzlaric, Kurt Neumann, Rob Enns, George Lepp, Aaron Oppenlander

Staff Present: Brandon Enns - Drainage & Irrigation Superintendent, Cheryl Lootsma-Cowan - Administrative Assistant, Public Works & Infrastructure Services

Others Present: Sarah Marshall - Ontario Tender Fruit, Miranda Gregorio, Neal Morris - AECOM, Sean Norman, Rachel Daniels - Niagara Region

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Buis, Chair at 2:02 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by: Rob Enns

Seconded by: Aaron Oppenlander

The agenda was adopted as presented.

APPROVED

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None were declared.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 November 12, 2025

Moved by: Erwin Wiens - Vice Chair

Seconded by: Michael Kauzlaric

The November 12, 2025 minutes were received.

APPROVED

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 AECOM - Irrigation Systems Engineering Report - Detailed Design

Miranda Gregorio and Neal Morris of AECOM presented the proposed Niagara-on-the-Lake Irrigation Infrastructure Detailed Design to the Committee.

The Committee asked clarifying questions of the presenters.

Michael Kauzlaric left the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Moved by: George Lepp

Seconded by: Aaron Oppenlander

1. That the March 4th, 2026 Presentation from AECOM **BE RECEIVED** for Information;
2. That the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Project as to-date as presented on March 4, 2026 **BE ACCEPTED**; and
3. That the Project Team **BE REQUESTED** to move the following individual solutions to the detailed design stage.
 - New force main on Line 9 Road to 4 Mile Creek (RFP Water Demand)
 - New force main on Eastchester and Line 6 Road to 4 Mile Creek (RFP Water Demand)
 - Upgrade the Dee Road Pumping Station with a third pump (RFP Water Demand)
 - Upgrade the Eastchester Pumping Station (RFP Water Demand)

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6. BUSINESS

6.1 Pump Status Update

Kevin Buis, Chair noted that Line 2 has requested through the Planning Department, that there needs to be accessed to Line 2.

There were no other updates provided.

6.2 All Growers Meeting - Date

It was brought to the Committees attention that the All Growers Meeting will be held in the Mori Room at the Niagara-on-the Lake Community Centre on April 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: George Lepp

Seconded by: Aaron Oppenlander

Adjournment unanimously took place at 3:57 p.m.

APPROVED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
IRRIGATION COMMITTEE**

Proposed Motion

INTRODUCTION DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Irrigation Committee Meetings and Structure

REQUESTED BY: Kevin Buis, Chair

SECONDED BY:

THAT the Committee request that Council direct staff to report back to Council on the requirements, governance implications, and process under the Municipal Act, 2001, prior to the implementation of the 2026-2030 Irrigation Committee; and

THAT such report be considered by Council for direction on next steps prior to any further consideration by the Committee; and

THAT the Committee request that it remain intact throughout the upcoming municipal election period, with its current structure and membership continuing from approximately May 2026 to November 2026, including a defined blackout period from August 24, 2026 to October 30, 2026, with a formal conclusion date of November 14, 2026, unless otherwise directed by Council; and

THAT all agenda items for Committee meetings between May and August be limited strictly to operational and service delivery matters related to irrigation; and

THAT delegations during this period be restricted to invited participants only; and

THAT any items or delegations deemed political in nature be prohibited during the election period May 1, 2026 – October 27, 2026; and

THAT delegated authority be granted to the Manager of Public Works or a designate, to make operational decisions necessary to maintain irrigation services during the municipal election period, where such decisions cannot reasonably be deferred to the Committee.

I acknowledge that this Notice of Motion will be given consideration at the April 28, 2026 Council meeting