



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.

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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.

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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