April 30th, 2024

Sherri-lynn Belair & Frank Boros 15476 Plover Mills Road RR#3 Ilderton, Ontario N0M2A0

Middlesex Center Municipal Office 10227 Ilderton Road, Ilderton, Ontario N0M2A0

Attention: James Hutson (Municipal Clerk)

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MIDDLESEX CENTRE

Re: Pursuant to Section 52 (1) of the Drainage Act, Appeal to the Assessment – Needham Municipal Drain

Dear: Mr. Hutson

On today's date we, the Assessed Landowners of the above noted address, received in the mail, the Notice of Sitting of Court of Revision form from your office dated April 9, 2024. We therefore submit this letter of Appeal to the Court of Revisions on the following grounds:

Based on the Engnineer's report dated January 30, 2024, the details of the assessment pertaining to our property, as contained in the report, has been assessed too high and the data contained in the report regarding our property is inaccurate (legal/technical Issues – Drainage Act R.S.O 1990 c D17, sub 47(1) AND 48(1)). We submit this letter of appeal for consideration by the Referee or whomever is designated to review any/all appeals in this matter.

Further, we attended the meeting regarding the Needham Municipal Drain on April 3, 2024 and asked for the formula used to establish the assessments as contained in the above noted report. We were advised along with everyone in attendance that the formula is proprietary and therefore not disclosed. After the meeting we gained the opportunity to speak with Dan Anderson, the Drainage Supervisor. We explained to him that the information in the report pertaining to our property was inaccurate and we had the survey (see attached) that could prove it. The Engineer's report indicated that our property is 1.88 acres when in fact it is just shy of 1.61 acres. Mr. Anderson requested we send a copy of our survey to him by email (see attached) which we did on April 3rd,

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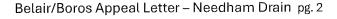
2024 of which he acknowledged receipt of on April 8, 2024 indicating that he forwarded the information on to the Engineer. We request that a copy of our survey and the email to Mr. Anderson form part of this letter of Appeal.

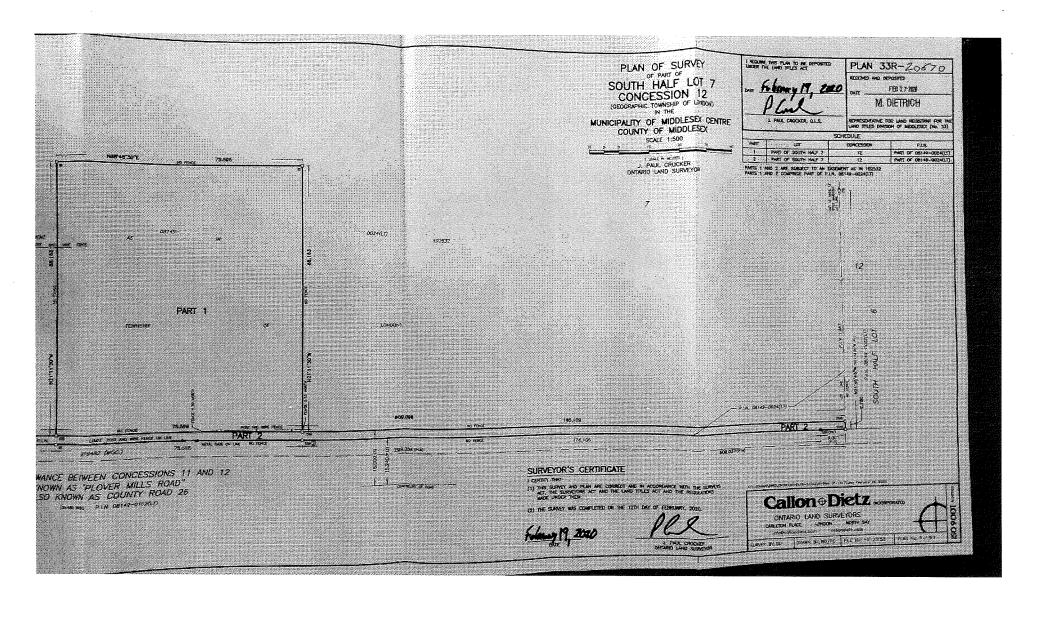
Further, our property has been assessed at \$5,430. Based on some of the information in the same Engineer's Report, we would like to draw your attention to properties contained within this report that are similar in size as ours for example; Roll#020-126 – Foster Farms Inc. (3.14 acres) assessed at \$100 and Roll#020-104-04 – Lori Lauder (1.58 acres) assessed \$490. Of particular concern to us is Roll#020-128 1855664 Ontario Limited (25.43 acres) which is assessed at \$1740. This property is the newly tile drained farmland that surrounds our property, and the map shows that all the 25.43 acres of farm land drains to the Needham Drain. How can it be that 25.43 acres of drainage into the Needham drain is only assessed at \$1740 when by comparison our 1.61 acres is assessed at \$5,430.

Therefore, we ask that you consider the above and attached information as our Appeal on this matter and conclude that our assessment is too high and adjust it down accordingly. We thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Frank Boros & Sherri-lynn Belair







RE: Thank You Dan

1 message

Dan Anderson <anderson@middlesexcentre.on.ca>
To: Sherri-lynn Belair

Mon., Apr. 8, 2024 at 09:07

Thanks Sherri-lynn,

I have forwarded the information on to the Engineer.



Dan Anderson

Drainage Superintendent

Municipality of Middlesex Centre

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From: Sherri-lynn Belair

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:35 AM

To: Dan Anderson <anderson@middlesexcentre.on.ca>

Subject: Thank You Dan

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Hi Dan,

Thank you for talking with Frank and I this morning. As requested, attached is a copy of our survey. Our calculations indicate that our property is 1.61 acres not the 1.88 as recorded in the report generated for the Needham drainage project. Also we really appreciate that you will be looking at the assessment attributed to our property, as we agree that everyone should pay into these improvements, it appears that the current amount of five thousand four hundred and thirty (\$5,430) assessed to our property is excessive. As mentioned our property is surrounded by the Foster's farm field that has new tile draining and our property isn't large, has a lot of old growth trees that use up the water that happens to fall here. Additionally our driveway and parking area is all gravel not hard surface.

Please let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to hearing back from you once you have had a chance to recalculate our portion based on this new information. Thank you very much for your time.

Blessings,

Sherri-lynn Belair



