

## Summary of the Tiny Township Public Information Meeting

### November 25, 2025

The Township of Tiny held a hybrid "Public Information Centre" regarding the lake level. This was the first step following the approval in October by Township Council of a proposed potential strategy to address the issue of the rising lake level using the Drainage Act. The purpose of the meeting was to help educate the members of the community about the Drainage Act and how it could be used as a tool to address the concerns regarding the lake level and potentially provide a course of action.

The following is provided in follow-up to the meeting. Members of the community are strongly encouraged to listen to the recording of the meeting available on the Township You Tube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgwDuuNuhcM>. The meeting included a background presentation about the lake and the water level issue, followed by an explanation of the Drainage Act and how the process would work. The last half of the meeting provided the opportunity for questions and comments from community members present in person and online.

You are strongly encouraged to listen to the recording as the possible implementation of this process depending on the next step could impact all property owners regardless of whether you are shoreline or "back lot". Township staff are now in the process of preparing a summary of the meeting for a report to Council which may be made within February or March 2026. There is an opportunity now for members of the community to use a dedicated email that has been set up ([farylainwaterlevels@tiny.ca](mailto:farylainwaterlevels@tiny.ca)) to share their feedback and ask questions. Any further action by the Township under the Drainage Act depends on whether a petition is submitted from the community.

### Key Points

The following diagram depicts the process that could be implemented under the Drainage Act. Clarification follows.



- It is up to members of the community to initiate a petition and using the prescribed form seek signatures from shoreline property owners. Any decision to move forward would require 60% of the owners of the 225 shoreline properties less those owned by the Township.
- Council would then decide whether or not to accept the petition and appoint an engineer. If Council refuses to go ahead with either action, this can be appealed by any of the petitioners.
- The appointed engineer would conduct a site meeting with the affected property owners and must decide whether or not the signed petition meets one of the criteria defined in the Drainage Act. If the engineer determines that the petition is valid, the appointed engineer would conduct a site meeting with the affected property owners and must then decide whether or not the signed petition meets one of the criteria defined in the Drainage Act.
- If the engineer determines that the petition is valid, Council must decide whether the engineer should be instructed to prepare a preliminary report or to direct the engineer to proceed directly to a final report.
- Should the engineer proceed with the preparation of a preliminary report which would outline options for action, it is not clear as to what exactly would be included in the engineer's assessment. The cost of this report would depend on that assessment and those costs would be shared by the shoreline property owners.
- The engineering report then goes back to Council to determine the direction based on the options provided.
- If Council decides to proceed further, a final engineering report would be prepared that would include ensuring that all regulations/legislation would be complied with in moving forward. The Township intends to conduct the entire process publicly.
- The cost of the preparation of the final report and the implementation of any action to address the lake level issue would be the responsibility of all property owners within the lake's watershed, including the Township. Each property owner, including the Township, would be assessed its share of the cost based on a "benefit assessment" that would be performed by the engineer and Township. Yes the Township will be involved if this goes forward.

The FLCA will continue to maintain communication with the Township and with our members, sharing as much information as possible throughout this process going forward.