

**ONTARIO SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. NAME

The name of this committee will be the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) Land Drainage Committee (LDC).

2. GUIDING PRINCIPALS

All issues and/or initiatives under taken by the Land Drainage Committee must support, in whole or in part, the official mission statement of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, which reads as follows:

OSPE is an advocacy and member services organization whose mandate is to advance the professional and economic interests of Professional Engineers in Ontario by:

- Advocating on behalf of engineers and our profession;
- Providing members with a sense of belonging and mutual support;
- Supplying valued and innovative services; and
- Offering quality professional training.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Committee are as follows:

(1) To advocate to the Ontario government and other organizations on behalf of land drainage engineers by:

- a) Ensuring that Land Drainage Engineering is closed to only those permitted to practice as defined by the Drainage Act.
- b) Providing a forum at which Drainage Practitioners can discuss their problems and experiences and exchange information;
- c) Publishing articles, papers and manuals approved by OSPE highlighting the important role land drainage engineers play in society;
- d) Providing a means of exchanging information between Drainage Practitioners and those bodies that are affected by or have an interest in drainage works;
- e) Developing a method of assisting those who lack training and experience in drainage engineering to develop their capabilities in this field;
- f) Encouraging those practicing drainage engineering to maintain their knowledge and keep abreast of the latest developments in this field; and

(2) To bring to the attention of government, through OSPE, those matters that should be examined with a view to improving land drainage procedures within the Province.

(3) To provide an organization to which any individual or group can bring its concerns or problems related to drainage.

(4) To provide an organization that can consider the problems being encountered by those practicing drainage engineering and, where appropriate, speak on behalf of Drainage Practitioners in presenting these problems to government

4. OPERATIONS

To achieve the foregoing objectives, the Committee will be responsible for:

- (1) Arranging meetings of the Drainage Engineers by themselves and with others, from time to time;
- (2) Reporting, as required, to the OSPE Board of Directors setting out the activities of the Committee; and
- (3) Carrying out such activities as may be necessary to achieve the objectives hereinbefore set out or that may be assigned to it by OSPE.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The Committee shall consist of a total of six (6) members, each of whom shall be an engineer registered under the Professional Engineers Act and a member of OSPE.
- (2) The Chair of the Land Drainage Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE).
- (3) All members of the Committee must be actively engaged in the practice of drainage engineering and, should a member cease to practice, their membership on the Committee will terminate at the next regular meeting.
- (4) Should any vacancy occur, the Chair of OSPE shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy. Anyone who is appointed to fill a vacancy must be actively engaged in the practice of drainage engineering.
- (5) A quorum will be four (4) members.

6. LIAISON

The Committee may invite the ministries of the government of the Province of Ontario, the departments of the government of Canada or other approved agencies to delegate one staff member each as a liaison member. The role of these liaison members will be advisory only and they will have no voting privileges nor may they hold office on the Committee.