

## **Chairman's Report 2010**

This past year our hamlet has had to deal with the adverse effects of significant amounts of water in and around our area. Excessive rainfall and high spring runoff volumes has resulted in several residents having to relocate and rebuild sewer mounds as they have become saturated due to high water tables. The high water level of the sloughs in the centre of the hamlet is a concern to nearby homeowners as water encroaches upon their property. Several homeowners have seen significant ground erosion due to swift flowing water through their yards from spring runoff and heavy rainfall, and also, we have experienced several failures in our road surface as a result of subgrade saturation.

The members of the hamlet board have been in contact with several local authorities to obtain assistance with water control and damage remediation but are finding it difficult to get much help. We met with the Watershed Authority in early June last year and filed an application to obtain a permit to direct water away from our hamlet to the West, but were denied the permission to do this. We do not have an adequate outlet such as a flowing stream or tributary to a stream to direct water to and this is a requirement if pumping or ditching water is to be done. In regard to funding the needed repair work of our roads, we have applied to the RM for assistance through the provincial disaster relief program but aid is not guaranteed.

Currently our major concern is the deterioration of our road in several areas. This failure has occurred because of high water levels in the road subgrade along with the damaging effect of freeze/thaw cycles. We are currently soliciting quotes for the road repair. Unfortunately in order to fund this repair work, it may be necessary to impose a tax levy to our residents. At our 2011 AGM we will present several alternatives for the road repair, and the residents will decide by majority vote which is the most desirable.

Thank You

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