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CANADA DRAIN

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND APPORTIONMENTS

DATE: Wednesday, March 3, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: REMOTE ELECTRONIC ACCESS (VIA ZOOM)

QUESTIONS: (231) 683-1772

The Muskegon County Water Resources Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Apportionments and Drainage District Boundaries on the above date and time. Due to the ongoing coronavirus public health crisis and in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, the Day of Review will be held through remote electronic access, as provided in this Notice. While your attendance and input are encouraged, you are not required to attend.

Maps of the proposed drainage district boundary revisions can be found enclosed with this Notice and on the Water Resources Commissioner's website site at <https://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/492/Water-Resources-Commissioner>.

The following are descriptions of the several tracts or parcels of lands constituting the special assessment districts of the drains and the entities that will receive at-large assessments:

CANADA DRAIN
Casnovia Township – T10N R13W
Sections 20-22 & 27-29

Muskegon County – at-large assessment for benefit to county roads.

Michigan Department of Transportation – at-large assessment for benefit to state highways.

Electronic participation will be conducted via Zoom. The Day of Review may be accessed through any device supporting the Zoom app, which includes many computers, laptops, smartphones. Users on a computer or laptop will be given the option to join the meeting through a web browser without downloading the Zoom app. Additionally, individuals may call into the Day of Review by telephone.

Prior to the Day of Review:

- If attending electronically, you should download the Zoom app to your device to ensure there is time to obtain technical advice prior to the Day of Review. You may submit questions and comments prior to the Day of Review by calling the Water Resources Commissioner's Office at (231) 683-1772.
- Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Water Resources Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

On the Day of Review:

- The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the apportionment of benefit for each parcel and municipality and to review the drainage district boundaries. Maps can be found on the Water Resources Commissioner's website site: <https://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/492/Water-Resources-Commissioner>
- The Water Resources Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review.
- To participate electronically through Zoom, you can access the Day of Review through the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86400866802>
- For participation on Zoom via telephone, please call: **(888) 475-4499**
- If prompted, the meeting ID is **864 0086 6802**
- Once individuals have joined the Day of Review electronically, the Water Resources Commissioner will provide further information about procedures for participation.
- The computation of costs for the drains will also be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

After the Day of Review:

- You may appeal the Water Resources Commissioner's decision to revise the district boundaries to the Muskegon County Circuit Court within ten (10) days, and you may also appeal the determination of apportionments to the Muskegon County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

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FAQs

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the Notice of Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and Apportionments

Why did I receive this notice?

Notices went out to public entities and property owners with lands in the drainage districts.

What is a Drainage District?

A drainage district is the land area that benefits from the drain. The drainage district makes up the watershed that contributes water to the drain. Each property and municipality within a drainage district pays for maintenance and improvement of the drain.

What is a Day of Review of Apportionments?

A Day of Review of Apportionments provides an opportunity for property owners to review the percent of benefit of the drain assigned to their property. The apportionments of benefit are based on acreage, land use, and other factors. The apportionments determine the assessment amount for each property for costs of construction or maintenance.

Why are the apportionments being revised?

Parcel apportionments are being revised to more accurately reflect the percentage of benefit that each property receives from the drain. If a parcel is on the outer boundary of a drainage district, it is possible that only a portion of the parcel will be assessed.

What is a Day of Review of District Boundaries?

The Michigan Legislature passed a law in 2013 to allow revisions to the historical drainage district boundaries when recommended by a licensed engineer.

Property owners can review changes with the Drain Office staff during the Day of Review. The proposed boundary revisions can be found on the map accompanied with the Notice and on the Muskegon County Water Resources Commissioner's website at <https://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/492/Water-Resources-Commissioner>

When do I receive my drain assessment?

Drain assessments are included on your Winter Tax bill, and are only levied when costs are incurred for the drain. Assessment amounts vary from year to year.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts are available at the Day of Review. If you are unable to attend, you may call the number listed on the notice with you have any questions.

Do I have to attend the Day of Review?

You are not required to attend the Letting or Day of Review.

How can I get more information?

Visit the County's website at <https://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/492/Water-Resources-Commissioner> or call (231) 683-1772.

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Why is the Day of Review also being held electronically?

The Day of Review is being offered electronically to limit public assemblies and help prohibit the spread of COVID-19.

What is Zoom?

Zoom is a video conferencing service that allows for virtual meetings, either by video, audio-only, or both. Zoom meetings can be accessed through the Zoom app, an internet browser, or by telephone.

How do I download the Zoom app on my device?

You will be prompted to download the app when you enter the meeting link from your notice into a web browser on your computer or device. You can also download the app as follows:

- **Computer.** The computer/laptop app is available for download at zoom.us/download. Select the download for "Zoom Client for Meetings."
- **Smartphone, tablet, and other app-based devices.** Search for "Zoom" in the app store for your device or go to zoom.us/download and select the appropriate link under "Zoom Mobile Apps."

How do I access the Day of Review on Zoom?

- **By App.** Enter the meeting link from your Notice into a web browser. Permission will be requested to open the app on your device. Alternatively, you can open the app, select "Join," enter the Meeting ID from your Notice, and press the "Join" button.
- **By Web Browser on Computer/Laptop.** Go to zoom.us/join, enter the Meeting ID, and select "Join." For further information about accessing from a web browser, please visit <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362593-Launching-Zoom-from-a-web-browser>.
- **By Telephone.** Dial the number provided on your Notice. If requested, enter the Meeting ID from your Notice.

How do I participate during the Day of Review?

Once you have entered the Zoom meeting, you will be automatically placed on "mute." The Water Resources Commissioner and meeting host will give further information about how to participate and when public comment is permitted. You are requested to remain "muted" until called on for comment.

How do I indicate I want to comment?

You can indicate that you would like to comment or ask a question by virtually "raising your hand," at which point a hand icon will appear next to your name for the meeting host to see. To "raise your hand":

- **Computer.** Select the icon labeled "Participants" at the bottom of your screen. This will pull up a participant list on the right side of your screen. At the bottom of the participant list, select the "Raise Hand" button. Once called on to speak, select the "Unmute" button on your screen.
- **Smartphone, tablet, and other app-based devices.** Select the "Raise Hand" button at the bottom of your screen. If "Raise Hand" is not present, select the "More" button to reveal more controls. Once called on to speak, select the "Audio" or "Unmute" button on your screen.
- **Telephone.** Dial *9 to "Raise Hand." Once called on to speak, dial *6 to unmute your line.

What if I have difficulty accessing the Day of Review electronically?

Please call the Water Resources Commissioner's Office at (231) 683-1772. Every effort will be made to help ensure your participation.

Can I submit questions or comments prior to the Day of Review electronically?

Questions and comments prior to the meeting can be submitted by calling (231) 683-1772.

