

To Mayor Bratina and Councillors:

On Monday October 7, 2013, I was at the Public Works Committee to report the flooding on Lake Avenue Drive at the corners of Queenston Road, Galbraith, and Avalon. Enclosed is a copy of the email we sent regarding these puddles. We were told that traditional storm sewer installation was not possible because the entire neighbourhood storm drainage system is based on ditches and culverts. There are no culverts on Lake Avenue Drive. The culverts are on the side streets. In the 2010 reconstruction of Lake Avenue Drive, the road was lowered at four to six inches. This may be the cause of the water puddling instead of draining into the culverts on the side streets. When Lake Avenue was level with the other streets, no puddles formed during rain or thaws.

On Saturday, January 11, 2014, rain and melting snow formed puddles on said intersections. A neighbour told me he informed the city of the flooding. A caution sign was placed at Queenston Road only. The puddles at Galbraith and Avalon were just as big, reaching to the centre of road. This is a very dangerous situation as I pointed out in my April 21, 2013 email when I witnessed a near head-on collision due to a large puddle changing a car's direction. It is possible the City may be sued if an accident occurs.

Also, at the October 2013 meeting, we were told that the lawns and boulevards that were missed would be inspected along with Councillor Brad Clark. It appears that the inspection was not done. Councillor Brad Clark informed me he was not asked to inspect the lawns and also felt the inspections were not done. Will the City be inspecting the lawns in the spring as promised in the fall on 2013?

The puddles are the most serious problem. They remain hours after a storm. I would like to know why the level of Lake Avenue Drive was lowered and why the catch basin at Queenston Road does not drain as well as the basin at Galbraith. And cutting a section out of the curb by Avalon doesn't help with drainage either.

I would appreciate it if the Public Works Committee would allow me to speak at their meeting. I want to address these issues.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Public Works Committee Meeting re: Lake Avenue Drive

This email is to inform residents of Lake Avenue Drive of the unresolved problems for the street. I don't have everyone's email address, so feel free to distribute this email to your neighbours.

At the October 7, 2013 Public Works Committee, I informed the Committee of the puddles on Lake Avenue Drive and that not all the lawns and boulevards on the street were properly sodded. The Committee said the entire neighbourhood storm drainage is based on ditches and culverts and that the large puddles are temporary and only after a heavy rain. They also said that they would inspect the lawns again. There are no culverts on Lake Avenue Drive. And they did not inspect the lawns again.

I will address these concerns again on March 17, 2014 at 9:30 am at the Public Works Committee Meeting. You can attend but will not be able to address the Committee. If you cannot attend, you can view the meeting on the internet that day, or later on since the video will be available on the City of Hamilton's website.

Here is the link for the website:

<http://www.hamilton.ca/CityDepartments/CorporateServices/Clerks/AgendaMinutes/PublicWorks/2014/>

If you have any information/concerns in regards to these topics let me know. But keep in mind, I can only address the Committee for five minutes and I will not have a chance for rebuttal.

I will address the Public Works Committee with these questions/concerns:

- 1) Before Lake Avenue Drive was lowered in 2010, there were no problems with drainage. Why did they lower Lake Avenue Drive? Did this lowering solve one problem but create another? Lake Avenue Drive is now lower than the streets with culverts.
- 2) The puddles on Lake Avenue Drive are not temporary and are not created just after a heavy rain. When swimming pools on the street are partially drained, the puddles also form. Snow melting during a thaw creates them as well. Also the puddles remain well after a storm. Is the City concerned that the puddles may cause an accident which may cause serious injury or even death?
- 3) Will the City honour its promise last year to re-inspect lawns and boulevards with Councillor Brad Clark?

I would appreciate it if the City Clerk would pass this email onto Mayor Bratina and the members of the Public Works Committee.

Sincerely

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