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On Fri, Aug 13, 2021 at 12:31 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

August 13, 2021

TO: City of Hamilton
ATTN: Public Works
RE: Dumping Sewage into Ancaster Creek

Councillors,

It has come to my attention via the Hamilton Spectator that there is a motion put forward to allow for dumping of raw sewage into the Ancaster Creek in the view of an Emergency.

About 6 years ago there was a resolution that added two large tanks for Emergency over flow at Montgomery Street and the City is currently upgrading the pumping station.

The view from Engineers at that time that this would mitigate the problem in the case of an emergency and avoid having to pump sewage into the creek.

This pumping station is directly across from my property at 571 Old Dundas Road. I have had City Works personnel at my property at the times of floods and since the area below my property is basically a flood plain,

It would turn into a lake. I have sent images to the City of this in the past. If you are pumping sewage into the creek at the time of overwhelming flood waters you are in effect going to have a lake of sewage.

I am concerned about the

Liability issues related to this and if the city has the resources to cover such a large potential claim.

Any home built in a flood plain should be aware of the potential issues and home owners should do their due diligence.

Despite a few recent months of exceptional rainfall there has been a noticeable effect. The Creek this year is much lower than the past 12 years I have lived here. This makes me think that there are things going on up stream which are
Creating a lack of water in the creek.

The current Pumping Station should be adequate for the existing community. The issue at hand may be that the pumping station in question may not be prepared to handle a lot of development being considered in the area.

IF additional infrastructure is required, perhaps the Public Works and Planning departments may consider adding more pumping stations in different areas to maintain the current infrastructure and grow with the community, rather
than creating environmental problems that may take years to resolve.

Please give this due consideration rather than "punting" this to the provincial authorities. The City is the best ombudsman of its citizens and I am hoping that you will act accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
John Chaffey

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