



**The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**Addendum**

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road**

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Name: J. MARK SKIPPER

Organization/Group/Business represented: LAWYER FOR ESSEX GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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Postal Code: N8X 1L4

Daytime Phone Number: 519-250-0894 Home [REDACTED]

Email Address: SKIPPER@THERIGHTCALL.CA

Date of Meeting: MARCH 23, 2021

Is this an item on the Agenda? Yes ☒ No ☐

Agenda item Number or Topic (if applicable): NOT AVAILABLE

I wish to address Council/Committee: Yes ☒ No ☐

Describe in detail the reason for the delegation and what action you will be asking Council/Committee to take (attach separate sheet if necessary):

AS LAWYER FOR APPLICANT, I WISH TO MAKE VERBAL REPRESENTATION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN ZONING, SITE PLAN, ETC.

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Name: LYNDA HEIS

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Address: 7555 MATCHETTE RD, WINDSOR

Postal Code: N9J 2S4

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Name: DAVID CREE

Organization/Group/Business represented: N/A

Address: 1300 GOLFOVIEW DRIVE

Postal Code: N9H 1Y9

Date of Meeting: MARCH 23/21

Is this an item on the Agenda? Yes ☒ No ☐

Agenda item Number or Topic (if applicable): REZONING - Z-02/21

I wish to address Council/Committee: Yes ☒ No ☐

Describe in detail the reason for the delegation and what action you will be asking Council/Committee to take (attach separate sheet if necessary):

*We are not opposed to re-zoning, only to Valente retaining 20 foot roadway at rear of our property.*

Please note that your name may become part of a public record in an electronic and paper format i.e. council agenda, to enable Council to make its decision on the matter.

☒ I Agree ☐ I Disagree

Councillors

RECEIVED MAR 18 2021

Re: Zoning by-law amendment  
Your file - Z-02/21

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views concerning the above captioned matter. In general, we are in favour of the proposed amendment, but we do have very serious concerns about the 20 foot road access along the rear of our properties. Our concerns can be summarized as follows:-

① Before the road is completed, the 20 foot strip of land could present a serious maintenance issue. As we understand, this land will still be zoned Agricultural & will not be subject to the more stringent maintenance requirements which apply to residential properties. The result would be a 20 foot strip of weeds and long grass along the rear of our properties which will be both unsightly and a health hazard.

② Once completed, the road will greatly impact our ~~quality~~ quality of life and

enjoyment of our property, and potentially even our property <sup>values</sup> ~~values~~. Who wants a road running along their back fence - the road itself will be aesthetically unpleasant not to mention cars driving 40-50 feet from our back patio with the associated noise and loss of privacy.

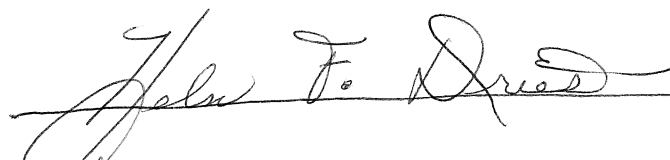
③ Once completed, the road could present a safety issue for children and domestic pets. We understand that this strip of land will continue to be private property, as it is now, but as is currently the case children do walk in this area. With the new hedge to be planted by Essex Golf Course along the north side of the road, visibility will become an issue with the resulting potential for accidents involving children.

Based on these valid concerns, we strongly believe that a far better solution for access to the Calente property on ~~which~~

which the barn is currently located is via an easement or right-of-way out to Matchette Road on the lands currently owned by Essex Golf Course. We understand that this is agreeable to both the principals in the application (Valente and Essex) and addresses the concerns of the residents on Golfview Drive. It is a true win-win situation.

Thank you again for this opportunity to express our views and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

  
HELEN F. DRIES

  
DAVID CREE

1300 Golfview Drive

**From:** [Ryan Diotte](#)  
**To:** [Ryan Tufts](#); [Anisa Bala](#); [Allen Burgess](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Rezoning Z02-21 Supporting David Cree Position  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 9:39:13 AM

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Good morning,

My name is Ryan Diotte and reside at [REDACTED] here in LaSalle

On Tuesday Town Council will review [Z-02-21 and SPC-01-21 - RV Investments Inc. - Essex Golf and County Club](#)

As a resident directly impacted by this proposed rezoning and driving range I would like to support the position made by David Cree made on March 18, 2021. I would like to reemphasize a few points made to further highlight the importance of the points made:

I am not opposed to the proposed rezoning and driving range however have the following concerns that are commonly shared by residents on this topic.

Concerns shared by residents

**1) Access to remaining agricultural land / 20 feet south of the proposed rezoning:** From my understanding there was / is an agreement between Essex and the existing land owner to provide right of way from Matchette. This is much preferred than a potential driveway or road running alongside our backyard at the south end of the proposed rezoning.

**2) Maintenance:** from my understanding if an agreement to provide access from Matchette is granted the remaining 20 ft of land would be subject to a slight technicality in the planning act given the need to stay within the provisions of p63 section 7.8.8 subsection ai). These are technicalities that I would ask the town to consider removing if access is provided which would eliminate any landlocked situation for the remaining agricultural land. I would ask that if Essex is agreeable that they be provided the opportunity to purchase that land or maintain the land as their own in perpetuity to eliminate any potential for unsightly land between the golf range and our backyards

**3) Intention of 20ft Land** - If there are no suitable alternatives given points 1 and 2 above I would ask there be clarity provided on the intended use of the 20ft and ask that no municipal road be installed. Given point 1 above this would be redundant and unnecessary

I would please ask that these details be resolved prior to making any decision as it has the potential of impacting the quality of our lives and enjoyment of our property. It also has the potential to create unnecessary uncertainty around maintenance and the potential for a future road / driveway.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback and hope that it provides a suitable arrangement that all residents and parties can be happy with.

Thanks,

Ryan Diotte

**From:** [Donald Briggs](#)  
**To:** [Anisa Bala](#)  
**Subject:** Zoning Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 12:06:09 PM

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We have received the notice of the proposed amendment to the zoning of land north of Golfview Dr., directly to the rear of our residence. Upon inquiry, we understand:

- A. The purpose of the amendment is to allow Essex Golf Course to use the area as a driving range;
- B. Remo Valente, the present owner of the land in question, will be allowed to retain the barn he currently has on the site;
- C. Mr. Valente will be allowed access to his property from Matchette Rd.;
- D. Mr. Valente will also retain access to his property via a 20-foot strip between the proposed driving range and the residential properties along Golfview.

We have no problem with A, B, or C above, but wish to object to D. If Mr. Valente has access to his property from Matchette Rd., it is difficult to see why he also needs it from Malden. The Golf Course will have no obligation or interest in maintaining that 20-foot strip, and, judging from performance to date, neither will Mr. Valente. The result will be a 20-foot strip of perpetual weeds behind our properties. That we would prefer to do without.

We would respectfully suggest, therefore, that the Golf Course take control all the way to the fence Mr. Valente had erected between his and our properties. That would seem to us to be the neatest and most logical result from every point of view.

Sincerely,

E. Donald Briggs  
Mignon Briggs

1280 Golfview

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To: Mayor Marc Bondy  
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Director of Corporate Communications and Promotions Office: Dawne Hadre

March 16, 2021

Dear LaSalle Town Council and Administration:

**REVIEW of PW-06-2021 dated March 15, 2021**

We are very disappointed that our concerns submitted and presented on February 9, 2021 to have transparency, equity and common good for all residents had not been addressed in the PW-06-2021 report dated March 15, 2021. **We are respectfully asking the Town Council not to accept or approve the PW-06-2021.** We request that the council reconsider these concerns and address them so that the specialty/ non-traditional crosswalk policy – SNTCP will be fair and equitable.

Since the last town meeting on February 9, we had opportunities to review the presentations made by Mr. Marra, Dr. Ian Swentek and subsequent input from Mr. Mayor, the councilors and everyone else as well as the town meeting summary regarding the amendments of the policy.

We acknowledge the LaSalle Council and Administration have addressed a few items we listed out in ours and others written submissions included in the addendum for the February 9, 2021 meeting, however, we did not see the majority of them addressed at all. We would like to bring them to your attention again and respectfully request that these be carefully given consideration in your decision.

## **Section 2:7 and 2.9 of Exhibit 2 -The lack of equality and cause for disunity**

**“No proposal will be approved that represents commercial, religious or political organizations.”**

**“No proposal or markings shall be those of trademarked symbols or words.”**

Anyone who has followed this policy development would recognize that the town is emphatically willing to exclude proposals from any religious organizations and their messages/symbols but yet willing to accept LGBTQ organizations and their symbols. That is in fact an act of systematic discrimination and experience has shown that it will lead to disunity and resentments in communities.

It is therefore not an equitable policy. As previously voiced, we now again recommend a stipulation be added to section 2.7 to include organizations with **ideological or moral causes** and that any proposal promoting only a group based **on their race, colour, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation and language** will not be accepted.

We have read the **Council code of conduct policy G-Gen-003** where it said members of council **shall at all times seek to advance the common good of the community which they serve**. We think this is one of those times that the council can display such integrity for the sake of the town.

### **Section 2.0 Initiation process:**

There is still a lack of protection for the town from any potential lawsuit as a result of a specialty crosswalk. We recommend the SNTCP must ensure LaSalle is indemnified from any liabilities arising from lawsuits due to any painted crosswalk.

### **Section 4.7: First come first serve policy**

We have a concern with this point of the policy on potential conflict of interest based on the sequence of events that have already transpired and came to light when the media made public the news of the Rainbow Crosswalk in LaSalle in October 2020. We believe the community was not made aware at the time that the main crosswalk of the town was available for application and the Rainbow proposal was ready for the council approval without public consultation.

We recommend the town communicate the availability of the crossings to the public first and allow for a period of time for the applications to be submitted. This would eliminate potential for conflict of interest or misuse of position and/or authority.

### **SNTCP lacks public consultation during application and finalization processes.**

Both Dr. Ian Swentek's and our submissions for the February 9 meeting stated the importance for community consultation and acceptance to ensure fairness and unity of the community. Also as mentioned below, the city of Windsor stressed in its policy the

importance for the applicants to involve the community to get its support and acceptance of 60% to be considered as a successful application.

It would be disappointing if a smaller community such as ours missed this opportunity to implement its strategic goal for strengthening LaSalle community's engagement with the Town.

We strongly recommend that public consultation be included in the policy with adequate time for feedback before further work be done and proposal approved.

**Questions on the reasons for City of Windsor Street Space Painted crosswalk policy not used in SNTCP development.**

In Mr. Marra's presentation on February 9, 2021, he mentioned that the town was able to obtain the City of Windsor policy but the town did not consider it in the development of LaSalle's policy citing that the City of Windsor's policy has not been used to date and opted to follow the lead from City of London's policy instead.

From our research, the City of Windsor's policy had been in place with **no known disunity or contentions from the general public since February 2019.**

Please see the link below for the City of Windsor policy and how it is effectively communicated with the public in a non-biased, fair and equitable manner.

<https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Culture/Pages/Street-Space.aspx>

<https://citywindsor.ca/residents/Culture/Documents/Street%20Space%20Program%20Guidelines.pdf>

Mr. Marra cited that the City of Windsor Policy has not been used to date which we find contradictory to the newspaper article of Feb 5, 2019 where at least three different proposals were awaiting to get out the gate as long as it satisfies the framework within the policy as cited by Mayor Drew Dilkens. Did Mr. Marra mean to indicate that no special crosswalk proposal was approved on its city streets as none has met its qualification process? (The only two Rainbow Crosswalks in Windsor are on private property at the University of Windsor)

Here is the link to newspaper article about the city of Windsor policy

<https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/city-approves-new-policy-for-painted-crosswalks/wcm/fcfa12cd-d5b7-43f3-848a-fd4eba7d16d6/amp/>

Mr. Marra indicated LaSalle SNTCP most resembles the City of London policy for specialty crosswalks (We were not able to locate this specific policy on the internet and found only the Complete Streets Design Manual – City of London dated August 5, 2018). We know that the city of London has implemented a few Rainbow crosswalks.

It appears that the town's choice of which policy to adopt depends on whether or not it would produce predetermined outcomes. If that is the case the premise for LaSalle's SNTC Policy development is biased and would not enhance the public confidence in our local government.

We are very thankful for Mayor Bondy and the council decision in asking for a policy to be developed in October 2020 and be revised in February 2021 and we are asking that the above points be considered and adopted. However, if LaSalle is unable to develop a policy that is truly unbiased, fair and equitable, then we respectfully ask the council to reject this Policy completely.

We understand that developing a SNTCP is no small task, but in the long run a good policy can save everyone (both the Requestor and residents) a lot of grief, and precious resources. This is a worthy exercise even if it only plays a very small part in achieving the LaSalle 2050 Strategic Goals. Our town of LaSalle Vision for the next 30 years can only be achieved through collaborations with the whole community.

May our fine Town of Lasalle thrive on its excellency in service at the helm of our current administration and council.

Thank you again for your time and service to our community.

Respectfully,

Loi and Fong Tran

To: Mayor Marc Bondy  
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Councillor Mark Carrick  
Councillor Sue Desjarlais  
Councillor Jeff Renaud  
Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

March 18, 2021

Regarding PW-06-2021 and the proposed Specialty/Non-Traditional Crosswalk Policy

Dear Mr. Mayor Bondy, Mrs. Deputy Mayor Meloche, and Lasalle Town Councillors,

I continue to advocate for the complete rejection of any specialty/non-traditional crosswalk policy; Option 3 as listed in report PW-06-2021. Disallow any special interest group from foisting their symbols, objectives, and sub-culture upon our fine community. Having already communicated my position and provided much logical and systematic reasoning toward this conclusion, I will not repeat my previous statements. Instead I present new arguments and considerations that should allow you to come to similar conclusion.

First, thank you for considering some of the past concerns. Requiring any request to be originating from our town, adding term limits, and clarifying the financial requirements are an improvement, but not a full solution. The policy continues to be vague, insufficient, and continues to drive toward disunity. However, since the administration appears determined to enact such a policy, I have again provided several proposed amendments to minimize the societal damage.

What is the motivation for a specialty crosswalk policy? Has the community come forth with singular voice to indicate that this is needed or required for us to grow in unity? If the community supports this decision, why is my voice not being drowned out by the mass of people speaking in favor of such a policy – where is the realized support? And

speaking of unity, why can a specialty crosswalk be approved by the town engineer without any community input? Also, as stemming from the 9-February town council, the argument that 'other communities have done it' is a bandwagon fallacy – we need to independently and soundly determine what is best for our town based on the people living here.

I am curious how the town council selects which policies will best engage the community in a positive manner, and which will cause more harm than good. For example, if a single resident arose to dispute a policy, would the town listen? What about two or three residents? At what point would the council follow the voice of the community? I would argue that there has already been sufficient negative feedback by the absolute number of people speaking against this policy, the relative number compared to those speaking in favor, and by the total word count of all letters written to council as a reflection of the time and commitment to oppose this issue. Thus by democratic process, there is a growing body of evidence to warrant rejecting the policy outright. Further, I would suggest if the current level of overall opposition to the policy were any indication of the community disposition, the council is likely to face continued, if not increased, opposition on each and every specialty crosswalk request.

As akin to civil law, the burden of proof for implementing an optional policy should be on the requestor of such a policy. For example, not everyone is in favour owning a pet, but pets have been shown to provide great personal comfort and benefit, therefore a pet policy is warranted and justified. Like other personal choices, pets need to be appropriate, not cause neighbourly distress, and kept within designated areas. Policies that benefit broad public safety, such as the fire bylaw, apply universally since we all gain equally, even if this imposes a certain level of restriction on an individual. Similarly, crosswalks that are part of our public works and safety systems should be designed universally and neutrally for all, or should be reserved for private use on private property. To date, no evidence has been made available of the benefit of a specialty crosswalk policy for our town, nor has any argument been made for universal benefit. Moreover, already existing policies, such as the sign policies, heavily restrict the use of any form of advertisement or sign to private or commercial property and with many imposed limitations. Therefore I contend that specialty crosswalks, having no documented universal benefit and acting as a privately funded sign, should only be allowed on private or commercial properties, if at all.

However, if such a universal benefit could be demonstrated, why would the town not be willing to fund such a development? Already LaSalle is engaged in many community

projects worth millions of dollars for community benefit, so community crosswalks represent a small budgetary consideration. These larger projects are seeking community feedback that help maximize the value of the dollars spent through platforms like *PlaceSpeak*. I contend that not including the provision for public input within the specialty crosswalk policy and requiring private funding indicates the awareness of council that specialty crosswalks do not have broad community appeal.

Covid aside, community groups can already organize and celebrate their uniqueness in temporary and transient events. Parades, festivals, gatherings, and annual traditions are already among the many options for organizations to interact in the whole community in part because they are limited. Any special interest group, by definition does not represent the whole community, and thus any policy that creates the allowance for a semi-permanent recognition of a special interest group does not represent the whole community. So in consideration for the whole community that is already at peace with our current functional, generic, and neutral crosswalks, I urge you to maintain this present state of acceptability.

In my original letter I raised 8 arguments against this policy; here I raise an additional 5 arguments and provided multiple examples of inconsistencies, fallacies, and challenges against enacting a specialty crosswalk policy. Supposing that a policy is still deemed necessary, I would propose to adopt these amendments:

1. Strike 'religious' from section 2.7
2. Add 'discrimination' to the list in section 2.8
3. Add 'or make use of any copyrighted material' to section 2.9
4. Insert a new section 3.1: " Once a proposal has advanced beyond the Initiation Process outlined in Section 2.0, the proposed specialty crosswalk and final artwork must be open for public comment for a period no less than 30 days"

I reiterate my call that your reason prevail and you select *Option 3 – to not have a policy altogether*. There should be no remaining doubt that having a specialty crosswalk policy would in itself create community ire, as I here personally attest.

Sincerely,



Ian Swentek

2490 Kevin Street, Lasalle, Ontario, N9H 2R3

## **Specialty/Non-Traditional Crosswalk Policy PW-06-2021 Recommendations**

Jeremy Palko  
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LaSalle Town Council  
5950 Malden Rd  
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March 22, 2021

Dear Members of LaSalle Town Council,

Policy PW-06-2021 regarding specialty/non-traditional crosswalks has the potential to benefit the people of LaSalle, however, there is concern regarding the objectivity in its present state.

Verbiage contained in the latest draft references there being no religious meanings allowed, which is not clarified within the policy. In order to ensure proper interpretation, such critically important terms need to be properly defined. It is presumed that Council is attempting to ensure organizations primarily composed of people of faith do not apply, which is understandable due to the diversity of values, beliefs, and principles within our population, including between the various religions and faiths represented.

The request that prompted the drafting of this policy is concerning as well in that the LGBTQ community is attempting to speak on behalf of LaSalle residents who tolerate their lifestyle, but do not accept it as one that is beneficial to society. It is evident that the LGBTQ community is as religious as any other organization that exists in that they speak, write, and advocate for their values, beliefs, and principles as superior to others. Although we tolerate our differences that are in opposition, there should not be the expectation that they be accepted.

Residents of LaSalle who do not agree with use of the rainbow by the LGBTQ community to politicize an intersection and crosswalk to impose their personal priorities on others will find it offensive. For example, the rainbow is a reminder given in the Bible that God promises to never again cause a global flood, not the symbol of gender diversity that contradicts the fundamental teachings for many people of faith. Would it be agreeable to the LGBTQ community for their to be painted on the sidewalks and intersections the silhouettes of the typical father, mother, and children family?

Who pays is irrelevant. Council needs to protect against tyranny of the minority by ensuring special interest groups are not given preferential treatment that would surely prove offensive and divisive.

Please define religion and ensure that our infrastructure is not misused in attempting to promote controversial and contentious matters.

Your time and consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards, Jeremy Palko



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ATTENTION: Councillors

Dear Sir/Madam:

Reference: Closing and Sale of Alleys Policy Update

We are writing to express our dissatisfaction with the Closing and Sale of Alleys Policy Update dated March 3, 2021.

The updated policy does have some merits. It sets guidelines to avoid conflicts after July 31, 2021 but does not address issues prior to July 31, 2021. For example, this updated policy, as written, does not prohibit homeowners from moving their fences prior to July 31<sup>st</sup> onto town land in order to gain property.

As well, this updated policy, as written, does not deal with a previous developers/severance/servicing agreement whereby a survey has been done and a reference plan has been prepared and registered according to a Town of LaSalle directive and paid for by the parties of the developers/severance/servicing agreement. This town directive is a promise made by the Town of LaSalle to the parties of the aforementioned agreement as to how the alley is to be allocated. We believe that there are very few (possibly only one) such cases in the Town of LaSalle whereby there is a reference plan with established Part Numbers that have already been registered for the alley allocation.

We feel that the Closing and Sale of Alleys Policy Update should be amended to address the precedent of an existing Reference Plan and that, in that type of situation, the alleys should be allocated according to the Reference Plan that is already registered. This would not lead to a significant increase in requests to appear before Council by property owners since there are very few and maybe only one alley(s) in the Town that have/has a Reference Plan already registered.

By amending the policy to address the existing registered Reference Plan this would:

- 1) save the Town of LaSalle \$2,000.00 more or less because there would be no need to prepare and register a new reference plan. (Price estimate given by Mr. Dadalt)
- 2) alleviate any questions about who should be allowed to purchase any part of the alley that is already part of a registered Reference Plan
- 3) alleviate any responsibility from the Town of LaSalle to parties of the developers/severance/servicing agreement that registered the Reference Plan

4) give the town the “opportunity to create regular lot lines” (straight lot lines) along the back of properties. According to Mr. Miller, the policy of the Town is to “try and do that wherever possible”. This would allow the Town of LaSalle’s Lot Forming Policy to be implemented. This straight line along the back of properties not only enhances the esthetics and value of the properties themselves but also of the Town of LaSalle.

5) enforce By-Law No. 6807 – the by-law to restrict the public’s use of unopened road allowances, highways, streets, alleys and lanes in the Town of LaSalle and to restrict the placement of any obstruction of any kind on them.

In our opinion, this updated policy is a good start but it should be further amended to address an alley with a Reference Plan that has already been prepared and registered according to Town of LaSalle directives.

The Town of LaSalle’s Closing and Sale of Alleys Policy should not reward blatant attempts by homeowners to encroach on Town of LaSalle land (in order to gain extra property) where there are existing survey bars and existing registered Reference Plans.

Regards.

  
Rocco Mancini

  
Anne Mancini

**Clerk's Note:** Participation will be held electronically due to COVID-19 pandemic. Delegations have been notified of the virtual Council Meeting process and a maximum of 5 minutes shall be allotted for each delegation to present his/her position of support or opposition to the relevant item on the Agenda.

Attached are the written submissions provided by residents (listed below) that were notified of the 207 Martin Lane Storm Outlet Report (PW-08-2021).

- David Cowlin, Provided Written Submission.

Report Number: PW-08-2021  
Subject: 207 Martin Lane Storm Outlet

Thank you, Your Worship and Members of Council.

My name is Dave Cowlin and I reside at 207 Martin Lane. For reference, on the south side of the street backing onto the canal, west of Front Road. My wife, Nancy and I purchased our home in November of 2012 totally unaware of the easement that runs between the houses to the east of our home which contains a 10 inch storm drain outlet.

Please note that we are in total agreement with the report and its recommendation submitted by administration and the only purpose of this letter is to add some reference as to the severity of the problem and the mitigation efforts that I have done to date.

When we purchased our home, it was observed that there are two sump pits in the unfinished portion of the basement directly below our family room. It was also noted that they were active, unlike some homes where the sump pits are virtually dry other than during unusual weather incidents. Working in the insurance Industry, I am quite familiar with the common causes of basement flooding and how to best mitigate to help avoid an incident. Immediately I installed two new high end 1/2 hp pumps with a battery backup on one pit and a water backup on the other. This setup functioned well when water levels were average with minimal or no concern. The pumps would run generally un-noticed occasionally through the day which I attributed to a high water table living near the water. Changing out the primary pumps every 2 years was a task easily completed between the pump run cycles with the amount of water coming in.

In the summer of 2017, I had an inground pool installed, and to my surprise, there was little to no water in the bottom of the dig. I assumed the installers were going to have a horrible time with the installation. That was my first observation that the water table may not be the main contributor to my active sump pits.

To eliminate the concern of a possible sump discharge recirculation issue resulting from a broken sump discharge line, I took advantage of the excavation and had the 4 inch sump pump discharge pipe running from the back of my home out to the canal replaced at that time.

Coincidentally, three months later in December of 2017, I received a letter from the Town of Lasalle outlining an investigation that was to be completed relative to the

storm drainage system that passes through an easement on my property. The letter also indicated that the Town was to communicate a move forward position once all investigations were complete with an expected response delivery date of mid to late spring of 2018. This was the first time that I became aware that the easement existed and that the 10 inch column of water within a close proximity to my home could be contributing to the constant flow. The results of the investigation and the move forward position never came. I started closely monitoring the correlation between seasonal and weather driven water levels and the activity of my sump pumps. I determined that there is a direct correlation. The higher the water, the greater the flow.

In the spring of 2018, the water levels were rising but I was confidently managing my pumps, so I waited patiently for the results of the investigation and a recommended solution.

2019 was a different story. I always kept one eye on the functionality of the pumps to the point where it occupied more of my daily thought process than it should. In June of 2019, during an evening north easterly wind storm (water levels increase dramatically with a north east wind), I went downstairs to check on the pumps. Water was coming in so fast that my primary pump couldn't keep up. Water would rise to the point that it would activate the pump. With the pump running, water would continue to rise slowly until the battery backup pump would activate. With the assistance of both pumps, the water level would drop to below the backup activation level, the backup would turn off and the cycle would repeat. My fear of a flood that night was extremely high and I ended up monitoring that cycle all night.

I immediately realized that I needed to beef up my system. I upgraded the primary pump to a full 1 hp pump capable of discharging 4600 gallons per hour and replaced the battery backup with a secondary, hard wired 1/2 hp pump plus a third pump that was battery powered. Each pump set with float activators higher than the previous. This new setup got me through the summer and winter of 2019 although I did realize that if I lost power at the house, I would have to be present to power up a gas generator as the battery backup alone wouldn't be able to handle the volume.

In October of 2019, I reached out to the Town of Lasalle to inquire as to whether the results of the investigation were available to assist me in my quest to resolve this escalating issue. This correspondence started the process that brings us here today.

The spring of 2020 brought with it similar water levels as 2019. Knowing that I still had a vulnerability with the loss of power, I arranged to have a Generac whole house

natural gas generator installed. If I lost power at my home, there simply are no battery or any alternative powered pumps available that can move the amount of water required to keep up.

To give you an idea of how much water is coming in, I took a video:

<https://youtu.be/IdiMMb-tz5g>

My once routine task of changing out the pumps is now a carefully orchestrated and timed event. Ideally when there is a strong south west wind (low water levels) while running a separate submersible pump with a 100 foot, 2 inch pool hose out the basement window just to give me enough time to change it out. A process that is quite nerve taxing.

Two final observations:

When Hurricane sanitation came out to my home in September of 2020 and plugged the outlets at the road and at the canal, I went into my basement to observe the effect and the water virtually stopped, providing me with the conclusion that there is no question that the source of the extreme volume of water is the compromised storm sewer outlet running through the easement alongside my home.

My Neighbour to the East that shares the easement has a crawl space rather than a basement but shares a common experience to a lesser degree. Also, the back of their home lines up with the back of our garage. Which supports the conclusion that the saturation exists adjacent to the garage footing.

I very much appreciate your consideration and am fully prepared to accept the responsibility of repairs as outlined in the terms of the recommendation made.

Thank you,

*David Cowlin*

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