



**Clerk's Note:** A written submission has been received from Tony and Carmela DiPonti, residents, on July 13, 2020 in response to Report PW-15-20, which has been added as a supplementary item to the July 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council.

Tony and Carmela DiPonti  
6690 Disputed Road,  
LaSalle Ontario N9H 1Y1

Dear Mayor Bondy and Council members,

My name is Carmela DiPonti and my husband Tony and I have resided at 6690 Disputed Rd in LaSalle and raised our family here since Jan 1984.

I am writing to you to comment on the ditch project on Disputed Rd.

We decided many years ago to fill in our ditch at our expense both labour and materials, we did this out of safety concerns..... for myself, sliding into the ditch while turning in my driveway on icy snowy days in the winter, or while cutting the grass on the tractor in the summer and for the safety of our 3 young children as they waited for the bus at our driveway every morning.

Fast forward to 2020 LaSalle had a problem with drainage and were not sure where the problem was, so they dug out all 5 of our closed ditches. Bringing ours from a beautifully landscaped yard and manicured lawn back to the way it looked in the 1980's. They cut and dug out our asphalt driveway and installed a driveway culvert, replacing with only crushed stone.

We have been informed that if we want our ditch filled in to the way it was, we have to pay for materials at around \$4500.00. We are also responsible for repairing our own driveway (\$2000.00) and because we are choosing to fill in our ditch, we are required to also pay for the driveway culvert that they already installed. If we decide to leave the ditch as an open ditch we do not have to pay for the driveway culvert.

In my opinion if there is a problem, the city has every right to rectify it, but they should replace what they remove. It looks like at this point only 2 of us want to fill in our ditch in, but I find it so unfair that because we want to fill in our ditch to the way it was before they dug it up in the spring of 2020 ( IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC MAY I ADD) we have to pay not only for our materials but we have to pay for the culvert that they already installed, while the others that choose not to fill it in get it for free, this is unacceptable and unfair.

I appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Thank you so much for your time

Respectfully

Tony and Carmela DiPonti