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To: District 7 Councillor, CAO, All Councillors and MLA John MacDonald.

I am forwarding this letter to bring to your attention some items I feel need to be addressed for the benefit of the home owners, taxpayers of East Hants and for long standing issues. Many items are old issues that have been put to the side and this letter is to put those concerns in one document so they can be addressed or to tell me that they will not be completed. Other neighbours are concerned but will not document to East Hants Municipal Council for action.

East Hants Municipal Areas Needing Repairs

Lantz Area

- Acorn Avenue and local Street ditches; and
- Miscellaneous maintenance:

Lantz Area

I am going to start with identifying areas that have been reported but not actioned:

1126 Hwy 2 – Sidewalk safety/replacement – reported as much as three (3) years ago

1375 Hwy 2 – Sidewalk safety/new installation – this has been destroyed since the flood and when will the 30 foot of sidewalk be repaired so walking can be done safely. Not reported previously by me.

Trevor's Lane – Sidewalk safety/replacement - half of side walk is destroyed for about 40 feet and unsafe to walk on – reported as much as three (3) years ago

Ashford Place – gravel on curb should be removed – reported as much as three (3) years ago. I have walked by EHM Staff mowing the grass on the street and one employee in the truck when a bucket and shovel and 20 minutes would clean gravel up. The three years of snow plowing has not removed so some department needs to do. I would do if I lived on that street.

I have used the Roads Application to report the issues identified and the observations have not been actioned for over three years. A data base should be generated from reports so a contributor can look to see work flow or report is dormant: feedback is necessary and not part of the on line process presently.

Acorn Avenue and local street ditches/drainage

The recent and very much welcomed roadway paving project has slate rock at each end of the Frederick Allen/Acorn Avenue and Poplar Drive/Karla Dawn Drive roadway ditch for the pipes vice precast concrete culverts. I note that the fire hydrant on Frederick Allen Drive, nearest Hwy 2 has precast concrete culverts. What is the standard, slate rock or precast concrete culverts and I would be concerned if street corners was not equal to or better than a fire hydrant installation.

There is a half uprooted/falling over tree along the Ashford Place to Hwy 2 path way that should be removed. If on EHM property should be cut down to ensure the root does not fall back into original place and injure someone playing in the area. A safety issue so being reported.

Acorn Avenue – the homeowners of the street requested in a letter of 24 May 2021 that the ditches be maintained and this still remains an outstanding issue. House numbers 15, 17 and 19 need ditch clearing, house number 3 has many trees in the ditch, house numbers 5, 7 and 9 have french drains or ditches from the backyard to the street ditch, and in short most need ditch work. Both sides of the street should have maintenance to facilitate the quick egress of run off water.

Run off water from Osprey Landing to Acorn Avenue is considerable more than before construction and what is being done to mitigate the issue. I am pro development so Osprey Landing is good.
- there is much water at the property line and driveway/street entrance by Odd Numbered Homes.
Frederick Allen Drive – the ditch and thus drainage is definitely lacking maintenance. There are full grown trees in the drains and home owners in 14 and 16 have dug slit trenches in the ditch to remove water from the front of their property. The owner of 26 Frederick Allen has dug a trench about 18 inches deep and 48 inches long before the drainage pipe to move rain water along and to allow water to go through the pipe. The ditches for the rest of the street towards highway 2 are full of grass, bull rushes, trees and most pipes are a quarter to half below the ditch level and this excess/built up drain blockage should be removed as there is no way quick drainage is possible during a heavy rain. The trees and considerable vegetation from Hazelwood Avenue to Hwy 2 prohibits the free flowing of rain water to egress the community.

Frederick Allen Drive should be shouldered with gravel. There is damage to the road bed because of lack of shouldering and the paved driveway at number 9 has been damaged by the plow.

Karla Dawn Avenue– one side of the street is completely full of trees and there is a driveway filled in with no culvert pipe that impedes the flow of water.

Popular Drive – this street has an impact on run off water being directed to other areas and Hwy 2, but will leave it up to Municipality to look at those issues.

There is a very large tree down by Lefresne Lane and is directly in the area of a drainage ditch across Hwy 2 and it has been there for at least 1.5 years. Who is responsible to remove the tree?

Turner James Avenue/Mariah Drive - The brook/creek/water way at the corner of is well beyond capacity. The development of Osprey Ridge and the removal of all trees has caused much more water to fill this waterway and the brook/creek/waterway has never been enlarged to take this additional/excess water and thus the banks overflow and this is evident all the way to hwy 2 and the egress point along Popular Drive/Logan Drive/hwy 2. This needs to be addressed to allow for the water to egress the subdivision and prevent flooding. Does this affect other areas?

Logan and Hwy 2, the north side of the entrance is totally filled in with trees, how is this ditch working to it's intended purpose of providing drainage.

The Maplewood subdivision is being surrounded by new construction, Memory Lane/Osprey Landing that has no drains like the long established areas so flooding and hindered egress of water run off is always present.

Maplewood Sub-division sign on brick marker at corner of Hwy 2 and Frederick Allen Drive. One sign missing and one damaged/old. Should be replaced with two more new signs. Who is responsible for this item?

Shaw road at rotary 8A, is the rotary going to be connected to the roadway, no name on street, adjacent to 31 Towerview Court.

Exit 8A, the woods on the sub-division should be cleaned up, there is much dead or pushed/blown over trees from construction that could be removed to clean up the wooded area. In my younger days a group of youth would be hired by the Municipality via grants for this type of work.

Exit 8A, after the Shaw rotary there has been a road wash out present for months, again reported, but no action taken to repair. The wash out is large and an automobile pulling off could be damaged and then a claim against the Province or Municipality for repairs. A orange cone was on site for about two months and it is not there now, but the wash out remains. I reported and again no action taken.

Benches, that had Lantz Recreation label, at Popular Drive entrance and Maple Ridge school entrance. Safety issue, repair or remove and funded by whatever organization or department is responsible. Also an eye sore to the community. Looked at and the bolts are rusted into concrete, fixable?

Miscellaneous Items

District 7 community meeting, requested during last pre-election talks and has not taken place. This should be a priority in our growing neighbourhood.

East Hants should have a Recreation Community Council, like Waverly/Fall River/Musquodobit. The EH Recreation Director should be Office of Primary Interest and then community groups come together to Chair meeting and report to EHMC what they want done in the community. I would suggest Corridor and Rural committee's to ensure effectiveness and overlaps can be dealt with on a case by case basis.

The above items identify drainage issues and overall community implications. I would like a reply on when the items will be addressed. These are long standing reported and some not previously reported issues that already has, or will cause safety or water issues with homes on the streets.

Respectfully and for the betterment of the community in general,


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