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

I appreciate the email reply of Tue 2024-06-18 12:22 AM to the concerns raised in my letter of 29 May 2024. I am going to reply to items that I feel are still not closed.

Trevor's Lane – the letter states “some” cracking along one edge. A twelve inch by 30 foot degrading of the sidewalk deserves attention to be “safely” walked upon and there is a very good volume of walkers that use the sidewalk. The “safety” is required so that not “one” person is hurt by the present condition of the sidewalk.

The area that is/was being used as a walk way is very well used by many, many people in the neighbourhood and now that Osprey Landing is open the area is used by more and more walkers/bikers/joggers/mothers/fathers walking with strollers/baby and dogs. This is a natural connector corridor in the neighbourhood and if there is an easement for drainage then EHM should purchase and put in a walkway between homes that is similar to the walkway between Ashford Place and and Hwy 2. Osprey Landing has sidewalks and the remainder of the sub-division does not so for safety reasons people gravitate to the area and as the area expands community members will feel safer walking in the Osprey Landing area until one day there are sidewalks all through the subdivision. Connectivity and safety of neighbourhood would be enhanced by this walkway addition.

Ashford Place, the pictures are of the lower part of the street. Take a picture at the connection of Towerview and Ashford Place and you will see most likely two wheel barrows of rock and other debris on the curb portion of the roadway.

Ashford Place walkway, the tree has the potential to cause harm to kids playing the the area. If the trees topples backwards, for what ever reason, someone could get hurt. A contact with the landowner could eliminate an unsafe issue.

Frederick Allen Drive – I firmly disagree with the assessment of the drainage and the shouldering of the road way, especially on the curve and in front of 9 Frederick Allen Drive.

Tree, Lafrense Lane, so who is responsible to advise the owner to remove a fallen tree that is impeding/blocking the flow of water to a drainage pipe across Hwy 2. Seems to me to be both a Municipal and Provincial issue.

Maplewood Sub-division sign. Please provide me with the contact point/organization/business and I will work with the District 7 Councillor to either replace or remove the signage.

EHM Community Meetings – This I believe is a distractor from progress in the municipality and would like to see Community Meetings implemented. There is a lack of volunteers, connection with voters/taxpayers and if Councillors are not in contact with the greater community how do they know what is desired, needed or what are community priorities. If required I will request that EHM Council revisited this position at a session of council.

EH Recreation Community Council. I will add to the comments above. I am going to pass on my thoughts on the notes in regards to the East Hants Curling Association and not the other recreation activities in EH. EHCA is a non-profit recreation organization that has existed since 30 December 2008 and there has not been a close working environment with the Municipal Staff. Invitations via correspondence had requested that councillors and staff visit on curling days and this never occurred: EHCA has been curling on Thursdays for six (6) years. EHCA would have very much liked for a continual mutually beneficial connection with the EHM Recreation Staff, but this has/did not take place. It is hopeful that now that the EH Sportsplex is owned/operated by the Municipality/taxpayers that a better understanding of all the work that the EHCA Curlers do for the community will be much more evident to EHM staff and Council. When curling has been part of surveys and a Needs Assessment in 2012, the community support indicated that curling was a viable recreation activity, but here we are 12 years later and still trying to get a dedicated East Hants Multi-purposed Curling Facility constructed.

The curling community looks very much forward to the upcoming Recreation (Infrastructure) Needs Assessment and hopefully this will finally get the project to the sod turning stage and attached to the current EH Sportsplex. I believe that EHCA and EHM does not need a Recreation Needs Assessment to confirm this much long time sought after facility.

I will continue to be pro-active for an EH that is working for the people and providing services for community members that are needed for recreation, safety and quality of life issues.

Thank you,

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