Subject: FW: Poor Drainage on Lake Avenue Drive

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In 2010 Dufferin Construction tore up and repaved Lake Avenue Drive. I asked a Dufferin superintendent if they are going to install a storm sewer with more catch basins. He said Dufferin mentioned this to the City and was told there was no financing for storm sewer upgrades but the road is to be lowered about four inches to eliminate flooding on resident’s properties.

When we have a heavy rain storm there are two rivers running south to north about four feet or more from the curbs on both sides of Lake Avenue Drive. Also, there are major puddles at curb height at the corners of Highway 8, Galbraith, and Avalon. At Avalon, the section of the curb was cut out to allow water to drain into the gutter on Avalon. But in no time, this gutter is saturated and the water puddles onto Lake Avenue Drive.

On April 10, 2013, we had a heavy rain storm. Earlier that day, city workers posted “danger water on road” signs at Highway #8 and Galbraith, warning traffic of the puddles. By midafternoon, when the rain stopped, the signs were removed, even though the puddles were still there. On that day, I witnessed a near head-on collision when an unsuspecting driver noticed the puddle when crossing Highway #8, from Lake Avenue North to Lake Avenue Drive. The driver swerved onto oncoming traffic to avoid the puddle, realized his error and drove back through the puddle. It is possible, puddles these deep, about curb height, may cause a driver to lose control of his/her vehicle. These puddles create a dangerous situation to vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians. As well, these puddles may cause erosion over time.

One would wonder why, when a road is being completely redone, all services are not upgraded and improved on.

When this letter is brought to Council, I would appreciate it if I were informed so I could attend.

Sincerely,

John Vesprini