

February 28, 2021

Dear Mike,

**RE: Lakewood Drive Reconstruction**

We are writing on behalf of our members who own property on Lakewood Drive to let you know the collective response of to your letter of February 11, 2022, on the above matter, which your letter requested by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

In general, we are supportive of the proposed replacement of the watermain and sanitary sewer which results in the repaving of the road and the refurbishment of ditches, and appreciate the Town moving forward on this.

A significant majority of owners have no interest in adding curbs, sidewalks and/or streetlights.

There are, however, two related areas of concern – the manner and extent of ditch reconstruction and storm water drainage in general.

Ditches alongside the roadway have been the primary means of storm water drainage since the subdivision was registered in 1971. Over the years, changes have been made to the ditches by provincial departments, the municipality and/or the owners (slopes have been modified, parts of ditches have been filled in, culverts have been removed or new ones installed, etc.). The culverts that MTO recently installed under Hwy#26 have intensified the flow of storm water across Lakewood Drive, creating drainage challenges for some owners during the spring and after large storms.

As a result, many owners support adding a storm water drainage study to the Request for Proposals for the engineering work. However, we need a bit more time to complete our exploration of the issues related to who should foot the bill. We have been trying to obtain original drainage plans for the subdivision from Ainley Group but have not heard if they have the documentation that we need. In this regard, we appreciate the assistance you have given us.

In summary, we are supportive and appreciative of the Lakewood Drive Reconstruction Project and feel a storm water drainage study should be included in the scope of work to ensure that the refurbishment of ditches will not create flooding issues for residents. However, we need a bit more time to deal with the matter of funding this additional work.

Kind regards,

Sarah Mills and David Weinberg  
Secretary SAPOA