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To the Mayor, Council and Drainage Board:

The City of Kawartha Lakes has recently altered the drainage area of the Sandringham Municipal Drain by lowering the east road ditch north to allow water from another watershed to enter the Sandringham Drain. The lands now being drained, by the lowered ditch, of the City's actions were not assessed nor were they included in the capacity of the drain. Bringing the water from another watershed is going against the Drainage Act. This action compromises the report adopted by Council and prepared by a licensed Drainage Engineer. As a riparian land owner I am not willing to accept this extra flow of water brought into the drain by the City's actions. If the City is going to add to the drainage area a new report is required to assess the cost of construction over the larger area. The function of the drain will be compromised now that increased flows have been added into it.

I had telephoned Mr. Farquar about the ditch cleanout and culvert installation on Sandringham Rd. and he stated he would look into it. On November 15 I followed up with Mr. Farquar with my concerns and he stated the bylaw had been passed, the billing had been done and Michael Garrets would amend the maintenance schedule to accommodate the lands added by the City's actions. I stated this wasn't a maintenance issue but a construction issue, it was bringing water from another watershed, which is in contravention to the Drainage Act and a new report would be required to address the situation. As this is a closed drain maintenance will be minimal.

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90d17> is the link to the Web site for the Drainage Act.

I will await your remedies to the situation.

Yours sincerely,



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Cc: Michael Garrets