

Complete Road Restoration within Victoria Place

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Good afternoon Ron,

It was great to have you come and visit our community to review the condition of our roads. As I mentioned during our conversation, it is time for a plan to be put in place by the council of Kawartha lakes to properly restore the roadways within Victoria Place.

I have lived in this community now for 6 years and what I have experienced to date is very unacceptable when it comes to the conditions of our roads. This is an adult lifestyle community, as the signs state when you enter Victoria Place, meaning that there are a lot of elderly people living in this sub division. Many of these residents traverse the roads on a daily basis, whether walking, cycling or jogging and we feel they are a danger to us. The condition of the roads are very hazardous and pose a danger in some cases, particularly to those with some mobility or balance issues. A good example of this, is in front of my own residence at 312 Port Colony Rd., which you witnessed during your visit and took pictures. Since our visit, my granddaughter is visiting, complete with roller blades, which proves our point even one step further. In many spots, she must travel the middle of the road due to the state of them, or must use the shoulders in order to pass those bad areas.

I believe these roads are in their original state from 30 plus years ago, when this subdivision was developed, and with the exception of sub standard repairs, have never been replaced.

A lot of the damages on these roads have occurred from maintenance equipment used by the city, such as snow plows and spring clean up. The snow plowing process has been one of the worst in my opinion. There has been a constant inconsistency in how the streets are plowed. Some years they barely make a path wide enough for 2 vehicles to pass, in other years they go so far into the shoulder that they are cutting the edge of the road away and rolling up sod. As I mentioned, I have had some experience in this area and I believe the right equipment for these types of road surfaces are not being utilized.

There are a lot of tax dollars collected by the City of Kawartha Lakes, from the **215 homes** in our subdivision, which we feel gives us the right to request that the City revisit the plan in place for this area. We deserve safe usable roads.

I personally welcome the opportunity to go in front of council to further state this case, and I assure you we are not going away this time until this gets properly resolved.

In closing, I would just like to state that it is time for the City of Kawartha Lakes to step up and put a budget plan with a given time line, to replace these roads. The residents of Victoria place are tired of our tax dollars being wasted on haphazard repairs being done that not only don't work, they do not last and in some cases are not safe.

Note: Please see attached petition to present to council. We started this petition just before your visit and this is what we have received in 4 days. The petition is still posted in our common area so I am certain there will be many more to support this cause.