

Council Memorandum

Date:	November 21, 2023
To:	Council
From:	Councillor Perry
Re:	Resolution of Culvert onto 149 Fenelon Drive

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Councillor Perry, **Regarding Resolution of Culvert onto 149 Fenelon Drive**, received; and

That Staff be directed to report back with a solution to the flooding situation in the area by removing, diverting, or burying the culvert by Q1, 2024.

Rationale

A culvert located on Cameron Drive in Southview Estates drains into and across the private property at 149 Fenelon Drive without a legal easement or overland water use agreement with the City. A legal easement owned by the City exists three houses south running east-west into the same large ditch.

The owner has been requesting a solution to the culvert's drainage swale over their property since purchasing the property in 2016. In 2017, City staff noted a drainage plan could not be found and that options could include securing a drainage easement and/or the owners petitioning for a municipal drain. The owner was told that there were no plans to establish a ditching plan at that time and that the only way to remove the water was by well and a pump.



The water passing is soaking and eroding on the owners' property. Further, during the winter, ice builds up and blocks additional land drainage. All of this has resulted in foundational damage to their garage as well as the erosion of soil along the mature tree line and causing drainage issues for the home.

Ditching is currently underway in Southview Estates of which remedying this drainage could be a part. The owners are amenable to having the culvert removed or diverted, providing an easement to the City at a cost, or selling the entire property to the City at appraised market value. An option could be for the culvert to be removed and allocated to the appropriate City-owned easement close by.

A solution is requested by Q1, 2024 in order to prevent the spring flooding from affecting the residents for another year.