

May 30, 2013

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Doug Brown, Manager of Operations & Facilities

SUBJECT: Request for Laneway Maintenance – Mr. Jay Burnett – Property owner 724 3rd Street West



A letter dated May 20, 2013 was received from Mr. Jay Burnett requesting some maintenance work be completed on the laneway just west of his property. See attached copy of his letter.

Based on my review of the laneway it appears that some additional granular "A" must be placed in the laneway to ensure surface runoff water drains positively to the existing catchbasins located in the 3rd Street West/Keating Avenue intersection.

Also some elevation shots are required to properly grade this section of the laneway as it is a low lying area with very little relief (slope). This is a maintenance issue, which will be addressed, in a timely fashion. Also there are several other laneways within the community, which have similar drainage characteristics (low lying with minimal slope) where surface water will pond during extreme rainfall events. The Town received 88.2 mm or 3.47 inches of rain over the May long weekend as this is when I expected the pictures attached to his letter were taken.

The Operations & Facilities Executive Committee recommends the following;

- 1) That the letter dated May 20, 2013 from Mr. Jay Burnett, property owner of 724 3rd Street West was reviewed.
- 2) That the Town's workforce will perform some maintenance activities on the laneway near 724- 3rd Street West in a timely fashion.

Respectfully Submitted
Operations & Facilities Division,

Doug Brown, P. Eng.
Operations & Facilities Manager

Council approval of this report will ensure the following:

- 1) That the letter dated May 20, 2013 from Mr. Jay Burnett, property owner of 724 3rd Street, West was reviewed.
- 2) That the Town's workforce will perform some maintenance activities on the laneway near 724- 3rd Street West in a timely fashion.

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DIV. MNG: Day Brown

EXECUTIVE COMM. _____

May 20, 2013

Fort Frances Town Council

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you in regards to a drainage problem I have been experiencing for a few years now at my residence located at 724 Third St West. The west boulevard area between my house and the unpaved portion of Keating (the small section of gravel road allowing access to the Mormon Church) is lower than the roadway. When we have large rainfalls or the water table is high there is nowhere for the water to escape. My sump pump system can barely keep up and basically recycles the water. There are two storm sewer drains located at the northeast and northwest corners at the Third St and Keating intersection. However, because of the low grade of the boulevard and the road height it will not allow the water to drain into them. I brought this to the attention of Doug Herr a couple of times over the last two years but I have not received any follow-up. I am asking you if we can meet to do a site visit at this area and discuss a possible solution to this problem. I am very concerned that my basement will flood.

The above letter is a transcript of the exact letter I hand delivered to Milt Strachan and Doug Herr on April 4, 2013. I was giving them advance notice to my problem in the laneway. During my conversation with Doug and Milt, Doug suggested that it would be a good idea to take some "elevation shots" in various places in the laneway and boulevard areas and compare them to the two storm sewer drains on the northeast and northwest corners of the intersection at the laneway. I assumed that the elevation shots would be taken sometime in the spring. At that time (April 4, 2013) there was a significantly large deposit of snow in the boulevard area adjacent to the lane and it concerned me that upon melting it would produce a problem. Within two days Milt had sent over a loader and a truck to remove some of the snow.

As of the first week of May, there was a large body of water between the boulevard and the laneway in the areas mentioned above. I contacted Milt Strachan and he sent over a pump truck. My sump pump had been kicking on every 15 seconds. This was a band aid fix as the water reappeared shortly after. I pump water from my sump pit into this area. If I were to pump into the storm sewer drains I would have to run a hose overtop of the sidewalk posing a tripping hazard to a pedestrian (a liability issue). If I were to pump water from my sump to the other storm sewer I would have to run the hose overtop of the lane where it would be subject to being run over by any traffic. This is my dilemma.

I feel there are a couple of solutions to this problem. One of which would be to raise the grade of the low lying area where the water collects so that it will drain off to the rear of the property and to the drain located on the northwest corner of the intersection. Another solution in conjunction with the later could be to put a catch basin in the lower area and have it run back over to the storm sewer. This of course is for the Town's experts to decide.

I would appreciate your immediate attention to remedy this problem. My home is at risk to water damage until this is resolved.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Burnett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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