

April 30, 2021

Report To: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

From: Milt Strachan, Transportation Superintendent

Subject: Private Crossing (Culvert) at 136 Fifth Street East

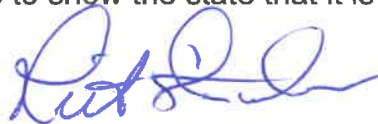
In the spring of 2020, a message was left on my phone to have a look at the culvert at 136 Fifth Street East and get back to him. I inspected the culvert and called the owner to let him know what I found. I explained that the culvert has outlived its life expectancy and it was time to replace it with a new one. I read him exactly what By-Law 32/82 contains about replacement and/or repairs of private crossings and that the work is to be done by Town at the expense of the property owner. The owner was immediately complaining that there is no way the cost should be on him and that it is the Town's problem!

This culvert is Fifty Plus years old! The fact that the culvert ends are collapsed from driving over them and that there is clearly a hole in the top of the culvert and it is plugged full of gravel has nothing to do with anything that the Town has done or should be responsible for. The culvert needs to be replaced. It is plugged solid and that is why the water having no place to go has settled under the culvert and the frost has heaved it during the freeze/thaw cycle. The ground around it has not sunk. The culvert has heaved. The owner asked if he could replace the culvert privately so he knows that it has to be replaced.

If you look at the pictures that the owner sent it verifies that the culvert needs to be replaced to gain any momentum with the water that is pooling on the property. The picture was taken on the third day of a steady rain and the ditches to the east and west of the property have plenty of room to hold the water that is pooling if the water was able to get there. The only thing stopping the water from getting there is the owner's culvert.

Anytime we do repairs or replace a culvert in these older areas we always make some improvements in the drainage of the surrounding area. That is just good business. We can do some ditching out of Storm Water Rural budget and make some improvements while we are there. Nothing improves until the culvert is replaced and water can flow through it.

The owner neglected to provide a picture of the condition of the culvert so I have attached a couple to show the state that it is in.



Milt Strachan,  
Transportation Superintendent

## Milton Strachan

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**From:** Milton Strachan  
**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 3:35 PM  
**To:** Milton Strachan  
**Subject:** Culvert pics





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