

Cyr Drain meeting, November 9, 2021

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To whom it may concern.

Please be advised that Barb and I would like to be included in this virtual meeting re: the Cyr drain.

Enclosed is a written submission on the Cyr Drain. We would like to do a presentation at said meeting.

Thank you.

Barb Biggar Rick Macdonald

Submission:

The Cyr Drain. November 8, 2021

In 1975, we moved to our home on Lesperance Road. The Cyr Drain extended in a number of directions out towards County Rd. 42. However, the Cyr Drain is no longer a drain but a .4 kilometer ditch. 17 houses from 1654 Lesperance Rd. to 1762 Lesperance Rd. back on to this ditch. The last 3 houses....1778, 1786 and 1790 Lesperance Rd. back on to a nonexistent ditch as can be seen in (photo 1). This photo was taken this past spring when our yards were soaked from the rainfalls that we had (photo 2). There is rarely any water in our end of the ditch. The ditch was closed south of 1794 Lesperance when the new subdivisions were built. (Photo3) shows the closed ditch.

The 3 properties 1778, 1790 and 1794 would like to close their part of the ditch as well.

In the 1990's, when we were part of the Township of Sandwich South, the Township attempted to spend a few hundred thousand dollars to clean up the ditch which we demonstrated wasn't needed. The end result was the Township ended up spending a fraction of the estimated cost to clean up the ditch passing through the St. Louis business plaza at 1614 Lesperance Rd, out to Hwy 22.

Currently the water flows along the south side of Hwy 22 to Manning road. In the spring the ditch was full, up to the St. Louis property and behind 1654 Lesperance Rd. (photo 4) but the water wasn't flowing through the culvert under plaza parking lot and out to Hwy 22 (photo 5). Last week, November 4/21 the ditch was a trickle of water but flowing freely (photo 6). The trees growing in the middle of the ditch are not impeding the flow of water.

Perhaps the money we spend on external engineer reports could be more wisely spent on having our Tecumseh municipal Engineering and Public Works employees initiate a cleanup of the culvert entrance to the plaza property (photo 7) which is a cluttered mess. This would free up the flow of water coming through the culvert out the north side of the plaza to Hwy 22. (Photo 8)

As one can see, all the farmland to the East of this ditch will be developed in the very near future, and any work to be done on the ditch should be completed by the contractors involved.

Another pressing problem is the total lack of water flow in the south side ditch around 8667 County Rd. 42...a problem that has existed all year as one can see from the algae on the sitting water. (Photos 9 & 10), another task for our municipal Engineering and Public Works Department employees. The problem here seems to be clogged culverts east of 8667 County Rd. 42. Perhaps it is a simple problem to rectify; one that doesn't need an expensive engineers report.

At the very least, these drainage projects should be put on hold until we can all meet in-person, especially now that most Covid restrictions have been lifted.

Having this expense added to a few property owners' taxes seems unreasonable and unwarranted, when evidence of water or ditches is lacking.



Photo 1

Ditch naturally filled in over the years, back of 1778, 1790, 1794 Lesperance Rd.



Photo 2

This photo was taken this past spring when our yards were soaked from the rainfalls



Photo 3

The ditch was closed south of 1794 Lesperance when the new subdivisions were built

Photo 4

In the spring the ditch was full, up to the St. Louis property and behind 1654 Lesperance Rd.

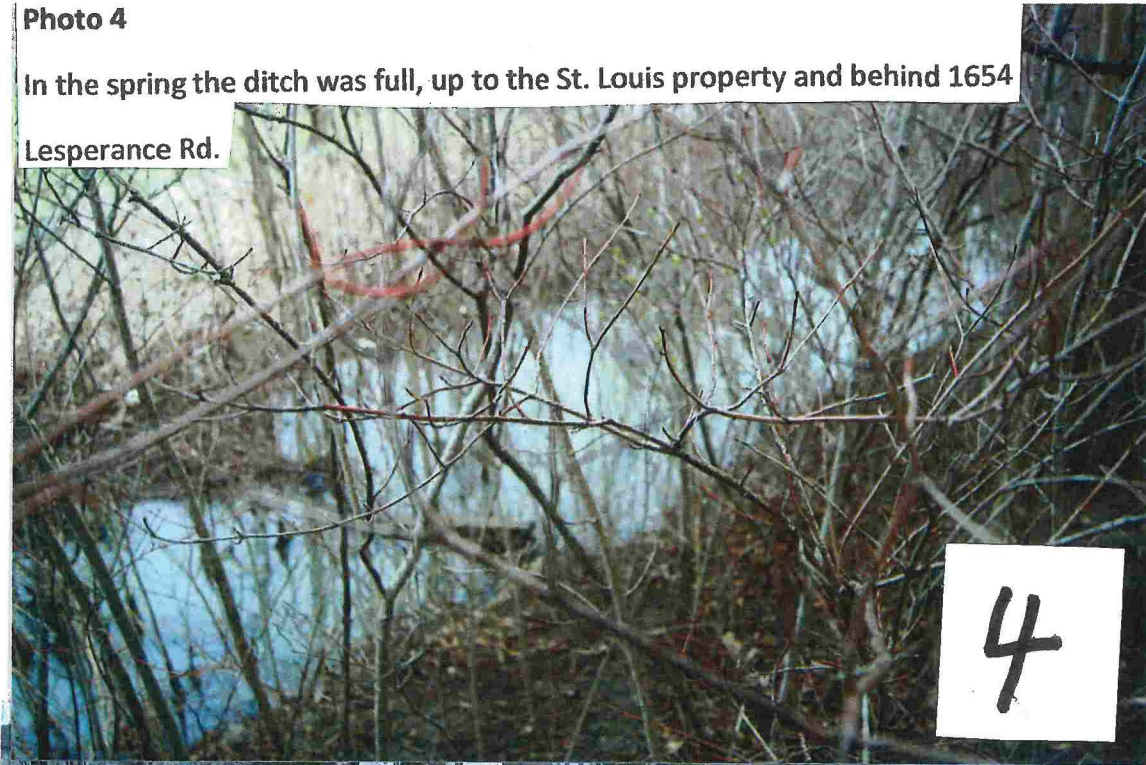


Photo 5

The water wasn't flowing through the culvert under plaza and out to Hwy 22



Photo 6 Last week, the ditch was a trickle but flowing freely.



Photo 7 The culvert entrance to the mall property

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Photo 9 and 10

Algae on the sitting water-clogged culverts east of 8667 County Rd. 42

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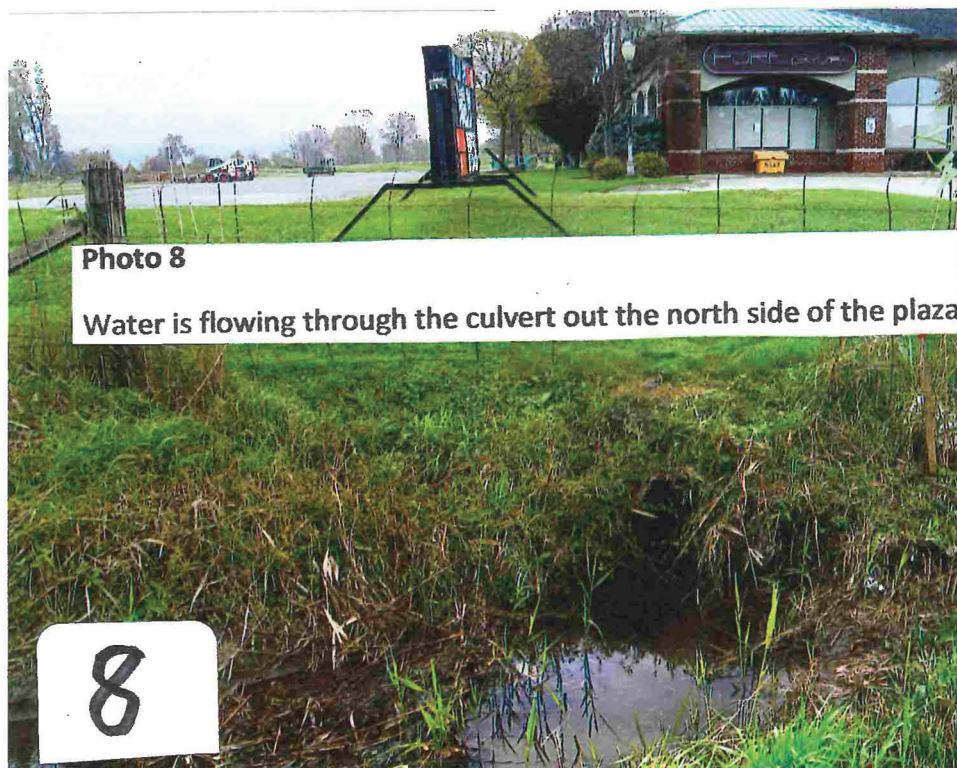


Photo 8

Water is flowing through the culvert out the north side of the plaza

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