Huron Kinloss Council August 11 2024

I have lived on Tanglewood since 1977. I purchased lot 928 Tanglewood and built a new house in 1983. I have seen the road go from gravel to tar and chip and finally paving last year. It is a great improvement from what it was in 1977. Over the years the trees that were buried under the road started to decay causing a lot of dips in the road.

The west end of Tanglewood was reconstructed 3 years ago and the east end last year. The curb design at both ends is different which creates part of the problem.

I had my motorhome in storage during road construction, and my trailer stored in my backyard.

My lot is unique as I have Tanglewood at the front and Lake Range on the back. During construction I put a load of fill in my back entrance and my neighbours used this access and parked in my front yard for a couple weeks while construction was taking place. This saved the construction crew a lot of time as they did not have to put entrances in every night and take them out in the morning.

We left for Florida the end of October and had not had the motorhome or trailer in the driveway prior to leaving. We came back in November to attend a funeral and when leaving to go back to Florida found a letter from the Township on our front porch stating I had until Dec 22 to remove the back entrance. I called the Director of Public Works to ask if it could stay until spring when we returned and was told no it had to be out. I arranged for a contractor to take care of it.

When we returned in April and turned into our driveway we suddenly came to a stop part way in, I accelerated a bit and nothing happened, looking in the mirror I could see that the wheels of the trailer were off the ground and the trailer was sitting on the frame. I managed to drag it into the driveway and unload the car, but could not get the trailer back out. We unhooked the trailer and after much jockeying around was able to get my pickup hooked up to the trailer to try and back it out to no avail.

The trailer empty was still bottoming out we ended up putting planks under the wheels of the trailer to get it high enough to back out onto the road, at this point I still had enough clearance to back the motorhome out.

I went to the township office the next day and explained to the Director of Public Works what the situation was and how could it be rectified. John came down later that day and took some elevation shots and said the design was up to code.

I mentioned to the engineer from BM Ross who was overseeing the project last summer that there was going to be a problem with the driveway when they lowered the road elevation about a foot on the sides of the street and he assured me it would be alright, in hindsight I should have brought the trailer around to the driveway to check it.

When John was here in April he said it would be done in May or June before the top coat of pavement was placed. In early July representatives from BM Ross, Lavis and John were here before paving started to look at the driveway. Paul from BM Ross was to take elevations and come up with a solution. Paving commenced the following week and no solution.

As it stands now not only can I not get the trailer in the driveway but by adding the final 2 inches of pavement I can not get the motorhome out of the driveway as it bottomed out when I went to back it out last weekend. I would like to get the issue cleared up as it has been 4 months and I need to get some work done on the motorhome before we head south in October.

I have attached some photos

Thanks for your time and consideration in this matter.

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