

## Emily Dance

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Council:) ATTENTION - EMILY DANCE

I would like to address the lack of oversight for developments in Point Clark with regard to waterfront properties. In particular I will be addressing serious concerns I have with changes to properties in my area of Victoria Rd.

I am located at 801 Victoria Rd which saw significant flood water last spring, March 2021. My basement incurred significant water damage due to the flood waters. New plank flooring and trim work that was completed 5 years ago had to be torn out due to water damage from the flooding. Currently, my basement is still sitting torn apart. The remaining work is to be completed this April. My contractor has had quite a time sourcing out the flooring as it has been discontinued and what few boxes he could find will be used and a similar but not obviously identical product will be used under beds and area rugs where it can be hidden. To date, I am out of pocket expenses of roughly \$30,000 for something I had not control over and nothing to do with. My cottage is my sanctuary from the demands of raising a profoundly handicapped adult child and navigating the LTC nightmares for my 92 year old mother since I am her only child. I don't leave the chaos of city life to go to my cottage to deal with more chaos.

My concern is, is it not your role as elected officials who are paid by us taxpayers, who then employ these regional officials (Public Works/SVCA) who are also paid by taxpayers, to ensure that going forward protective measures will be put in place to prevent this from happening again. Where was the oversight lagging that allowed this flooding event to happen?

When we purchased our cottage in 2009, we too had considered expansion but were promptly told we could only build on the existing footprint. What I have seen in the last few years is a total disregard for the rules put in place, a lack of enforcement of those rules, and that the rules are not applied universally. I believe that years of not adhering to rules/regulations and the lack of oversight and enforcement is what is causing the perfect storm for disaster in cottage county.

To date, in our section of Victoria Rd my husband and I have observed massive tree clearing to put up mega mansions which are not built on existing footprints. Drainage in culverts that has been filled in over the years by property owners in our section in order to facilitate more parking on their properties. Land than was designated as EPA Mr. Chauvin 2017 proposed zone change) has also been filled in with gravel pads to accommodate additional parking for property owners. Again, I would ask who is policing all this. We too have a survey for our property which clearly indicates that the land designated as an EPA is also a part of property but that we can't touch it. Again, I would ask, why are the rules/regulations not applied universally?

According to the report I was able to obtain (PW-2021-06-39 File Number TO6 VIC 21) and after discussions with John Yungblut, it was determined that a recent new build at 789 Victoria Rd had installed a new septic system which had

damaged the drain for our area. Again, where was the oversight and preventive measures that could have avoided this catastrophe. Why is the property owner not being held accountable for the costs involved. Why is he being allowed to cause this damage, with no consequences and taxpayers are on the hook for the cleanup and repair costs while he sits and enjoys his property unscathed. What is the company's responsibility who installed the new septic and failed to do their due diligence and find out what the existing drain was there for instead of just going ahead blithely and plopping down a new septic and damaging the existing drain.

If there are no consequences and a total disregard for rules and regulations, coupled with a lack of oversight by municipal officials and those that continually turn a blind eye to the infractions, how can we say this or something similar won't happen again.

I would like to ask what recourse do I have to recoup my losses??? I feel like someone just stole \$30,000 out of my back account and got away with it, never mind all the stress, heartbreak and aggravation this has caused that I can't attach a dollar amount to.

I reiterate, what preventive measures will be put in place to limit the possibility of this happening again and will there be consequences going forward for those property owners who choose to flaunt the rules and regulations.

Below are pics taken at the time of the flood.

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Photo (1 of 3)



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Photo (2 of 3)





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Many of these drains have disappeared as they have been filled in by property owners to facilitate additional parking on their properties.

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