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RE: Update on Drainage Issues on Willowdale Crescent, East of 34th Street

Dear Linden Lanes Residents,

As promised in the letter I sent to each of you in mid-January, I brought forward the drainage problems the residents of our ward have been experiencing at our budget deliberations, on Wednesday January 24th, 2007. I wanted to share the results with you.

This intersection presently has 6 catch basins which enter into an 18" diameter pipe that goes to the ditch adjacent to the CN rail tracks north of Evergreen Place.

Before budget day, city administration brought forward three potential causes of the flooding:

1. Undersized pipe (the 18" pipe is too small)
2. Blockage in the pipe; or
3. The relative elevations of the intersection of Willowdale Crescent at Evergreen Place to the invert elevation of the 18" pipe in the ditch along the CN tracks. (i.e. the pipe on Willowdale is lower than the pipe going into the CN ditch)

Their estimated cost to replace the existing 18" storm pipe with a larger pipe would range from \$110,000 to \$150,000.

The issue was discussed at length on budget day and the decision reached was that in 2007 the city would determine what the actual problem was, and determine the amount of funds required to correct the problem. The resolution will be put in the 2008 budget to be COMPLETED in 2008.

I want to thank the people who came forward with pictures and information on the flooding that has occurred in your area in the past. I know it helped in getting the point across that this problem needs to be resolved once and for all.

Even though it is not ideal that this will have to wait to be corrected in 2008, there is a valid point in the need for assessment and proper identification of the problem, and the city does need time to do this. This analysis will happen this year and I will follow up with administration in the summer to find out their results.

I have shown this letter to the Mayor and he has agreed with the content and my forwarding it to the residents that have been affected.

If you wish to talk to me about this please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. I can be contacted via telephone at 728-5205 or via email at kfitzpatrick@westmangroup.com.

Yours sincerely,

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