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**From:** ( )  
**Sent:** January 4, 2010 8:08 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Nelson Creek at Cranley Drive

Dear Councillors,

We would like to bring to your attention that Nelson Creek flooded in December and overflowed Cranley Drive and caused damage to gardens and properties in the area.

We have lived on ( ) for over 22 years, one house away from the creek. Most of the time there is no problem with the creek, but a few times a year it is voracious.

The amount of water and debris that comes down and is guided through the culvert is enormous. The sides of the creek are being eroded and water usually almost overflows the bridge. This time it actually did overflow.

We have been told that there is a dam higher up that is regulated by the municipality, but I am not sure if that is true. Most probably it is snow melt and rain. However, as the creek goes through a wooded area with lots of wild

forest and broken trees, the debris is always changing shape and form. Before the flooding I noticed big pieces of green pipe in the creek. Sometimes big rocks are moving along the creek and various branches etc. are coming into the culvert.

Our question to you as our elected representatives on Council are:

1. Is there a dam control and who regulates it?
2. Is there a scheduled preventative maintenance and inspection program in place to check that the sides of the creek bed are not eroding to a degree that we will have a major disaster in the future?
3. Is there a scheduled preventative maintenance and inspection program in place to make sure that the culvert is cleaned of debris (which obviously was the problem this time which diverted the water to the street)?
4. Is there a control process in place that checks that the water table is not raising to a degree that crawl spaces and basements in nearby houses will not be flooded from below, as Cranley Drive used to be the creek bed, but got diverted when the area was developed? Or worse, that the ground will slowly erode and we could get structural problems in our houses.

I am awaiting your answer and ask you to look into this matter as it is of concern to the whole neighbourhood.

Many thanks for your attention.

Best regards

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