

To the Town of Pelham,

We, the residents of Ward 1 on the streets of Webber Rd., Farr St., River Rd and Victoria Ave, are being affected by poor water drainage which has flooded properties and resulted in non use of parts of our lots. The Town of Pelham collects taxes for sewage and water on these properties; a tax from which we receive no benefit. We have septic beds, maintain our septic tanks, and have our water trucked in. Our taxes continue to rise annually, yet our services decline.

The Town of Pelham allows developers and builders to construct homes on these properties. Developer [REDACTED] was responsible for relocating the main drainage swail to allow for the lots to be buildable. Town of Pelham representative [REDACTED] assured that the drainage would be inspected, completed correctly and would not cause any drainage issues with water shedding. [REDACTED], one of the builders, did not grade the lots to prevent flooding. [REDACTED], one of the grading contractors who worked on some of the lots, did a poor job. The water shed problem gets worse and worse with every year that passes and every new home built. The lots are not properly graded to drain water away, yet the Town of Pelham passes them for proper drainage before final closings. The desire for tax income seems to take precedence over the proper enforcement of laws as to the building on and grading of lots.

The Town of Pelham has ignored these issues for years. In 2010, Mr. Peter Biagi of 940 Webber Rd built his own home and was assured that, due to drainage, there would be no more building permits issued for the Farr land. For the last seven years, Mr. Biagi has asked the Town of Pelham to have the problem inspected by the proper departments, but his requests were ignored. A few months back Mr. Biagi and Mr. Ruberto, of 950 Webber Rd., approached the Town of Pelham. They spoke with Jason Marr and their concerns were met with some optimism. Jason assured he would bring this matter to the engineering department and get back to them the next day. They are still waiting for that call back. Mayor Junkin is aware of the situation. He spoke with Mr. Ruberto and said there was too much confusion about who is responsible. The Mayor said the lots should not have been passed by the Town of Pelham. Councilman Wayne Olsen came out of November 8, 2021, to view the flooding. His opinion was "This is not right! Something has to be done because we have a serious problem".

The solution to this problem is to clear the passage of water to flow towards the Welland river. Ditches and waterways have to be dug out so water can flow. Lots have been graded and natural creeks and run offs have been altered which works against the flow.

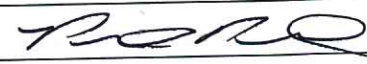


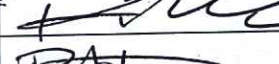

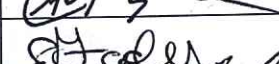

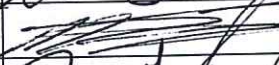
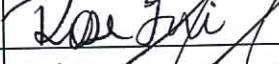




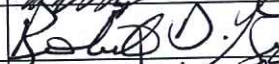



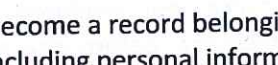
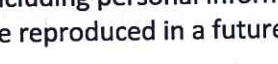
Jason Marr, Mayor Junkin, and Councilman Olsen are all aware of the flooding problem. There are lots behind the Webber Rd and Farr St homes that are currently up for sale or already sold. The Town of Pelham claims those lots can't be sold, just like the Webber Rd lots should not have been sold. The problem will only get worse if the same careless attention is given to these new developments. It is time the Town of Pelham takes responsibility for their poor judgement. Before any more lots are sold, the Town of Pelham needs to correct the grading and drainage of the existing sold lots with constructed homes.

PRESCRIBED FORM OF PETITION

TO: The Mayor and Council, Town of Pelham
c/o Town Clerk
20 Pelham Town Square, PO Box 400
Fonthill, ON L0S 1E0

I/We the undersigned, petition the council of the Town of Pelham as follows:

PETITION TEXT: Enter a brief description of the matter being brought forward here, and include this text on every page of the petition.

PRINTED NAME	PRINTED ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
Peter Biagi	940 WEBBER RD	
Julie Campbell	255 Victoria Avenue	
CHARLES + YVONNE REBEIRO	245 VICTORIA AVE	
BOB BOAROMAN	275 VICTORIA AVE	
PAUL FOLKES	285 VICTORIA AVE	
ALVIN RAMPERSAND	1000 WEBBER ROAD	
Emma Fader	990 Webber Rd	
W. Seab	780 " "	
Mike DiBenedetto	960 Webber Rd	
Rose Fini	237 Webber Rd	
MATT MACKENZIE	241 FARR ST	
KEITH TURNBULL	245 FARR ST.	
Creme Kerkhoven	200 FARR	
DILLON FARNELL	210 FARR ST	
BILL SIMON	220 FARR ST	
BOB GIFFORD	230 FARR ST.	
Misbah Ali	270 Farr St.	
TONY RUBERTO	940 WEBBER RD	
Mike Pardo	260 Farr St.	

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TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

"Year of the Garden" gets mixed reception

BY JOHN CHICK
VOICE CORRESPONDENT

Another relatively short Pelham town Council meeting was dominated Nov. 15 by proposals surrounding Pelham's observance of 2022 as the "Year of the Garden."

Council voted to further pursue four of seven green initiatives out in a staff report, shoot-down the idea of another open-beds competition, championed last year by Ward 3 Councilor Lisa Haun.

Neither Haun nor Ward 2 Councilor Ron Kore were in attendance last Monday's virtual meeting. The staff report had recommended against holding another municipal contest, pointing out that "unfair advantages" exist between entities such as commercial nurseries and community volunteer groups.

This year's pilot competition won by the 3rd Fonthill Scout group.

Ward 1 Councilor Marianne Art was the only member to

support continuing the project, saying that to offset those concerns, different categories of contestants could be structured.

The staff report had alternatively suggested joining Ontario's "Communities in Bloom" initiative, a province-wide competition in which municipalities go up against other municipalities of similar size.

However, Director of Culture, Wellness and Recreation Vickie vanHavenwaay pointed out that Pelham's past involvement in the contest required a significant commitment of resources.

"I'd like to put it on the back burner and find out what resources are needed from staff and council and what the cost would be," Ward 2 Councilor John Wink said. "I think it's a good initiative, just not this year."

With that option removed, council ended up endorsing four others, to be costed and presented back to members in December:

- Creation of pollinator gardens.
- A municipal partnership with

local charity Pelham Cares.

- A municipal partnership with the Pelham Garden Club.
- Investigating a subsidized

rain barrel program.

Political allies Stewart and Ward 3 Councilor Bob Hildebrandt were the only votes against a partnership with the Pelham Garden Club. Meanwhile, the potential return of a rain barrel program—which Pelham operated a few years back—found support with all members except Ward 1's Wayne Olson.

"Any water that ends up in a rain barrel doesn't end up in a stormwater management pond," Mayor Marvin Junkin said. "I am sure with all the new building we have in Pelham, especially with an environmentally conscious population we have in town, I can't help but think the rain barrel initiative wouldn't be well received."

Somewhat related environmentally, council voted to have Pelham join Uniflood Ontario, an organization comprised of multiple Golden Horseshoe municipalities committed to reducing flooding via

natural infrastructure.

"The Town would do well to join, at no cost involved," Junkin said.

However, allies Stewart and Hildebrandt disagreed, with Stewart saying that the organization could request membership fees in the future.

"I'm just concerned with staff time involved in becoming part of one of these organizations," Hildebrandt added. The motion passed regardless, 3-2.

Council asks for stop sign at Pelham and Hurricane

Stewart was also the only no-vote on Wink's successful motion to direct staff to implement an all-way stop sign at Pelham Street and Hurricane Road.

While such measures are generally subject to a litany of traffic studies, precedent exists in Fonthill with an earlier T-intersection stop placed at Haist Street and Brewerton Boulevard.

"This is a long stretch of road

that doesn't have any interruption whatsoever," Wink said of Pelham Street, north of Highway 20, which has been a subject of resident concern over speeding in recent years.

Public Works Director Jason Marr said that traffic on Pelham tends to come in faster south-bound from rural areas, but that the stretch "isn't really critical" from a speeding perspective as it is a collector road.

Marr did acknowledge however that a pedestrian crossing would be a positive addition at Pelham and Hurricane, something that stop signs could create.

Covid update

Pelham had four active cases of Covid-19 as of Nov. 15. [Note: 12 active cases as of Sunday.] Fire Chief and Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bob Lymburner told council that in Niagara Region, the age 20-39 demographic was the largest that remained not fully vaccinated.

Tools

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