PETITION--June 2, 2024

EGLINGTON ROAD SOUTH, CALLANDER, ONTARIO

TO: The Municipal Councils of Callander and East Ferris

Subject: Urgent need for upgrades to ditches and water drains on Eglington Road South.

For years, We have advocated for upgrading ditches and water drains on Eglington Road South, Callander, ON. Despite numerous assurances that the improvements were in the budget, this crucial issue has been continually overlooked. The reason is always the same- a need to reduce the overall budget increase.

Eglington Road South is a boundary street with expenses shared with East Ferris Township. It's time we address this long standing issue that affects both our communities. The current state of our ditches and water drains is unsightly and poses potential risks during heavy rainfall or snowmelt periods.

According to infrastructure Canada's Climate-Resilient Core Public Infrastructure Program, proper drainage systems are essential in mitigating flood risks (Source-Government of Canada). Yet despite this knowledge and repeated requests from residents, no action has been taken.

In conjunction with these upgrades, it is also necessary to apply blacktop to the street surface. This will not only improve aesthetics but also enhance road safety by providing a smoother surface and eliminate costly continual grading. This would also substantially reduce the street dust problem. Eglington Road South continues to expand with new housing that requires proper drains, ditches and road surface.

We urge Callander Council and East Ferris Township to prioritize these upgrades in their upcoming budgets. Our community deserves infrastructure that meets our needs today while preparing us for future climate challenges.

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