

19 November 2017



Secretary of the Property Standards Committee
200 Brady Street

Re: Case # 763501 Appeal to Orders issued 6 November 2017

To the Secretary,

As outlined in the orders I received 6 November 2017, I am writing to appeal the orders issued. Since the orders were delivered, weather and ground conditions have been prohibitive. While I *have* started work to meet the conditions of the orders, it is not physically possible for me to complete the work by the deadline stipulated by the reasons mentioned. I am also now physically sick with a lingering cold from exposure to these conditions. I have engaged the contracting services of Canada Paving to complete the work, but even they have stated that it is not possible to complete the work in the time allotted. I would respectfully request that a more reasonable date be issued. This would imply sometime early summer of 2018 – once ground conditions have dried post spring thaw.

I would also like to take this opportunity to question the necessity of these orders in the first place. The source of the ground water causing the problem cuts across the back corner of my rear yard onto 2511's property from the large ridge that runs across the back of all the lots on our side of the street. This property is owned by [REDACTED]. Why does this entity bear no responsibility in this problem? I also don't believe it is fair that the current owner at 2511 can change the elevation of [REDACTED] rear yard, disrupt/block an existing drainage system that has been in place for the better part of 50 years because [REDACTED] doesn't want to maintain it and then call the city to complain about drainage problems.

I have been trying to resolve these drainage issues for years for my own sake. I consulted with City Engineering staff in August of 2015 to see what could be done. They affirmed the plans I had proposed. On November 14, 2015 a City Bylaw Officer attended my residence to investigate this same complaint. Upon going through the rear yard, the Officer indicated that: There was nothing wrong with my property's grading/ditching, that the source of the problem was [REDACTED]s property. The matter was **CLOSED**.

Early this year, I was contacted by a different Officer (by phone) in regards to ongoing disputes between myself and 2511. Part of the discussion reverted to the drainage issue. The Officer suggested that I do a few things to further facilitate drainage and thus some 'good will' towards my neighbor. The request was modest and relatively easy to do, so I agreed to do it *without* being issued orders. This Officer attended my residence at the end of July 2017 and informed my [REDACTED] that '*everything was good*' and the matter was again **CLOSED**. Now; out of the blue, the November 6th orders show up at my door. Completely unnecessary, since I have cooperated with and have worked with the city on this issue every step of the way.

I am quite willing to continue to work with the city on any reasonable solution to this problem. All I ask is that it be done fairly, responsibly and thought out. I don't think it is fair that I need to re-visit this problem every time a new neighbor moves in, or a new Bylaw Officer is assigned to the area. I would gladly speak, or meet with anyone who would like more information or clarification on the matter at hand.

Thank-you for your consideration

