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To Stephen Holt - Property Standards Officer.

During the Blasting On Corsi Hill To Build a New Subdivision

The Blasting Caused some degree of Structural Damage To almost every house within a mile radius of the Blasting area. I could feel The Ground shake when I was at Tim Hortons on The corner of Martindale and Regent. Some homes only had minor cracks to the foundation and others had more serious problems. The house 3 houses from mine going up the hill got shaken badly. The owner whose Name is [REDACTED] was fed up with the damage and sold The House for \$70,000 which is basically The price of the lot. The new owner spent about \$100,000 approximately to fix all the damages and Then sold it himself to someone else. My next door neighbour [REDACTED] Had The same problem. [REDACTED] bought [REDACTED] House About 7 years ago which was reported by someone that had the house before [REDACTED] and it cost the previous owner about \$50,000 to repair the damage caused by the Blasting and it cost [REDACTED] an additional \$20,000 to fix other structural damage which [REDACTED] noticed later which was hidden under the Wall paneling. There are many more home owners in the neighbourhood that had similar problems along Martindale Road and surrounding streets. I Fixed the Buckling on the driveway side of my house with Steel Bars on the Outside and two by fours On the inside about 10 years ago. The Buckling did not get any worse Since then. There are also about 100 two by fours between the walls of a finished Basement Apartment Holding Up The House. A Friend who worked in house construction said the House Is Reasonably safe unless there was more Blasting or an earthquake. Had No Problems In Last 10 years.
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Also Around 2000 → 2004 The Blasting On Corsi Hill did damage to the street, sidewalk and driveways and retaining walls as well as the homes. I brought these issues up with DeAngelo (a city official) and McIntaggart (the alderman). DeAngelo was able to get the street repaired and McIntaggart was able to get the sidewalks repaired. Some retaining walls were repaired and some driveways were partly repaired but I don't know anybody that got their house repaired. I don't believe that a structural engineer would say that most homes at the bottom of Corsi Hill are 100% structurally sound after they were exposed to continual Blasting for several years. I can't predict the future but in the last 10 years since the Blasting stopped and since I did some reinforcement to the foundation; my house has not gotten any worse. If the Municipality wants to carry out more repairs to my house, I'm ok with that, but I will appeal to the Property Standards Committee and you can consider this letter as my appeal. I will suggest that all future repairs to make my house 100% Structural sound be done and paid for by the Municipality since the damage was done by the Blasting which was ordered by the Municipality and I Had No Control over. If we do not come to an agreement or a settlement a Class Action law suit which some of my Neighbours agree with may follow which could be more costly to the Municipality.

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