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To: The RM of Edenwold 158 and the Town to White City,

We are writing you regarding the water situation pooling behind our house on 8 Stern Place Emerald Park Saskatchewan. Legal description Lot 4 Block 12. We purchased our walk out lot in 1998, built a house, and moved in on June 16/1999. We were told about the water that pools behind our place owned by the department of Highways on the corner of Galloway Street and Ramm Ave, but were told that it wouldn't cause us any concern because plans were in place to have the water redirected. It was said that the water would be pumped to the golf course for them to use or a storm drainage system would be installed at a shared cost to the RM on Edenwold and the town of White City. Our first year was a trying year with a fast melt and rain leaving the water pooling even further than what we were told would happen. We ended up damming our back yard to protect our house. When the thaw was over and the water was gone, I met with various people from White City and the RM to try to resolve the situation. We found out at this time that the culvert that the moves the natural water flow east was blocked with sand bags. This was the first we heard of this and when asked why this culvert was blocked we were told that the water would flood out residents of White City and they would take legal action against the RM if this was to happen. The next thing that happened is a ditch block was installed on the West side of the culvert permanently blocking water flow. I talked to Sask. Water and they verified this statement saying that their hands were tied and there was nothing that they could do to get the water moving its natural flow. We basically have to find an interim plan to resolve the situation making it good for all parties involved. How could we resolve this situation then? Our house was engineered with the premise of the natural water drainage going east through the culvert and following the natural water flow not pooling behind our property leaving our house and property exposed to being flooded. The RM has done an excellent job pumping the water between Ramm Ave and the # 1 Highway keeping the water out of harm's way for everyone involved. I couldn't rely just on this so I brought up the idea to all parties that if we built up our yard to a higher level than Galloway Street, would this solve everyone's problem? All parties involved said this would be an excellent interim plan. I don't want anybody's house or property to flood in White City so we brought in 1500-1800 yards of dirt and built up our yard higher than Galloway Street to solve this problem. This has worked out great over the past 10 years until a central sewer system was put in under all of the roads connecting to all of the residents in White City. When this was completed and the roads were being rebuilt, I noticed Galloway Street was higher than before. I talked to our councillor, Lorne Beer, and he assured me that it was at the same level as before. I had our yard surveyed again this year and found out that I was right and the road was now approximately 8 " higher than my yard where it use to be 6-8 " lower. This was my only reprieve before this happened that if the water got too high and started to threaten our property and house that it would run over Galloway Street and follow the natural flow into White City. I found out this year that Galloway Street was brought up to the original engineered height after it had sunk over the years. This sure would have been nice to know when we did all this work building up our property. With this year being the most challenging year because of all the snow we have received we are putting the responsibility back to the original parties involved, the RM of Edenwold and the Town of White City. We talked to the RM councillor on Feb 22/11 and as of yet there has been no respond to our request for their plans in dealing with the excess water this year's run off. We will be seeking legal counsel if the water levels ever endanger our house and property.

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