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To: Poitras, Andrew
Subject: Submission to the Executive Policy Committee for meeting Wed. July 15th, 2020

Hello Mr. Poitras,

I would appreciate it if you would provide the Executive Policy Committee members with the following submission for their consideration under the item listed as:
ADDENDUM - REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATED JULY 8, 2020 Item #3. Herbicides and Weed Removal in Storm Water Retention Ponds.

Thank you to the Members of the Executive Policy Committee for considering my comments /concerns regarding the 2020 -2023 budget proposal eliminating the function of 12 retention pond fountains in our city. One of these designated fountains affects me directly.
We built our home in 1997 backing onto the Fountain View Park which is located in Royalwood at the corner of Aubin Drive and Shorehill Drive. We have enjoyed and valued the fountain that our back yard faces for its aesthetics and aeration of our huge man made "lake" ever since.
I emailed 311 on May 24, 2020 to advise that the Fountain View Park fountain had not been started for the season. Historically, the fountain had been activated the week before the May long weekend and shut down after Thanksgiving. The 311 response greatly surprised me by saying that COVID -19 protocols had dictated that the fountain would not be started.
After contacting my city councillor's office - it was determined that the 311 operator thought I was referring to a drinking fountain - not the huge, aerating retention pond fountain described in my email. I have sent 3 emails to Councillor Mayes' office. My requests for clarification on this matter have been replied to stating Mr. Mayes is investigating and will contact me when my requested information has been obtained.
On July 2nd I viewed a CTV interview with Councillor Lukes and two of her constituents expressing the same concerns I had expressed in my emails to my councillor.
My concerns are primarily of the algae bloom and the stagnant water that is becoming prime breeding ground for mosquitoes.
I question the wisdom of silencing 12 fountains in retention ponds for 4 seasons to save $80,000.00 annually.
What will be the price tag for mosquito control and containing the algae blooms of stagnant water on 12 retention ponds considering the manpower, equipment, chemicals, environmental impact, etc?
Restarting the fountains after 4 years of non- functioning - how will that impact the infrastructure, maintenance and function of these fountains?
I fail to see the economic sense in leaving these 12 fountains silent. The City asks its residents to eliminate standing water on their property. How can we possibly comply with 12 enormous, stagnant, retention ponds with their aeration fountains not activated?

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