

SF-22-05
(Previously INFO-22-218)

From: Maxine Diedrich <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 4:04 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Cc: * Council <council@oshawa.ca>
Subject: FW: Hydro corridor and Helping the environment

Please accept this revised letter for Oshawa Mayor and Councillors to consider:

Dear Sir or Madam

I have lived in Oshawa (backing onto Hydro right-of-way between Ritson Rd and Wilson Rd just south of Coldstream) for 3 years and am extremely concerned about the property upkeep. I look out from my windows and all I can see is a messy growth, over overgrown weeds and long grass that sometimes reaches over my garden fence or under and into my garden. Being a handicapped person I can only do so much gardening and the problem is definitely the over growth from Hydro's property. I truly thought I would be able to sit in my raised solarium and enjoy the view. Being handicapped I don't get out often and seeing that people were "dumping" objects to add to the mess (boxes, office chair, bicycle, sport equipment parts) I close the drapes. How sad is that!

Why not help the environment and the soon to be endangered species which are Bees and Monarch Butterflies by planting milk weed and wild flowers down the centre of the lot. The planting doesn't have to be wide but the length of the hydro right of way is long, so the area available to the pollinators would be significant. If the planting is in the centre aisle under the towers, there would be reduced maintenance when the cutting is done. This way the people that do cut the mess down would only have avoid the centre aisle.

The houses on both sides of the lot are raised, so water run-off would end up where the flower beds are. The lavender plant in my garden are always full of Bees collecting pollen so why not add a few of those plants.

Why not a walking path on one side. People walked their dogs every day but because of the long grass, which ticks live in, dogs aren't being walked through. Ticks as you probably know are very dangerous to humans as well as animals. One of my dogs lost her life to Lyme disease a few years ago from a tick bite.

Because of more rain due to weather changes we absolutely need more grass cutting and more care to the Hydro right-of-ways.

Although the Hydro corridor is owned by Hydro One, the City of Oshawa can and should take action and get a licence from Hydro One to construct a recreational trail in the corridor like other Cities have. Can Oshawa take responsibility and do this, and help all Oshawa residents?

Sincerely
Maxine Diedrich
M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)

From: Chris Hunt **M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)**
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 4:31 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Hydro Field Concerns

Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the maintenance and use of the hydro field in my neighbourhood. I live at **M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)** Fieldgate Drive, and my property backs directly onto the hydro field in question.

The upkeep of the field is inconsistent at best. There is no identifiable schedule for grass cutting, and there appears to be zero maintenance of the trees or shrubs. In addition, refuse in the field is a problem, and often gathers along our fence line.

For such a large green space that connects to several parks and threads through entire neighbourhoods, it's a shame it is so poorly utilized. I would understand the bare minimum upkeep if residents weren't meant to access the space, but there are several pathways into the area built into the neighbourhoods that surround it, and access to it from our via backyard gates was built into our community from the start.

It is also used as a de facto off-leash dog park, which I am not thrilled with either as I have young children. Off-leash dogs have found their way into my yard and frightened my children several times. As the area is large enough to house an enclosed off-leash area I would fully support one being built there.

It would be a great help to residents in the area if this space could be properly maintained. It would be even better if it were turned into some sort of useful space.

Regards,
Christopher Hunt

(Previously INFO-22-220)

From: David Cook <**M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)**>
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 9:39 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Hydro Corridor Trail

Having read a detailed summary on Councillor McConkey's website (here: <https://www.oshawarosemary.com/rosemarys-blog/time-for-a-recreational-trail-in-oshawa-hydro-corridor-like-whitbys>) I urge the City to apply for the Provincial Secondary Land Use Program with the aim of constructing a multi-use path through Oshawa's north-south hydro corridor, as detailed in the Active Transportation Master Plan.

Sincerely,
David Cook
M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)
Kingsfield Loop