

Extract of John Sheppard's response to Councillor Lund dated April 10, 2012 re: Flooding of Hammonds Plains at Bluewater Road

Halifax Water completed an assessment last fall of the drainage system - ditch and watercourse - from Hammonds Plains Rd all the way to Sandy Lake, including a survey to determine elevations of the drainage system, including culverts. That assessment identified the "beaver" obstructions in the culverts, as well as a partial blockage of the watercourse where someone had pushed or deposited soil into the channel. Halifax Water required the property owners to remove the obstructions in the culverts and the soil from the channel, all of which was done fairly promptly.

In response to your question, the profile of this drainage system is naturally flat, although downgrade all the way to Sandy Lake. Halifax Water's intention is to monitor the performance of this system, particularly during heavy rainfall events, to determine whether flooding will occur or not, now that the obstructions has been removed from the system. If there continues to be flooding during high rainfall events, then Halifax Water will consult with HRM to determine what action if any might be required.

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