

Good Morning,

My name is Archibald Jephtas-Crail. I am a homeowner living in Ward 10 with my wife.

Behind our home is a city-owned easement, where snow collects over the winter, then melts again in spring, flooding the easement. There is nowhere for the snow melt to run to, and so it runs up against our home's foundation, causing seepage, flooding, and damage. I am requesting City Council, if you could, please provide a drainage system so the water doesn't run towards our home. Our situation is not unique, and we have done all we can to fix the problem, but the solution is to fix the city-owned easement.

We have had this issue for many years and have appealed to the City to fix the problem. We have made many Service Regina requests to the 777-7000 number. City Council said engineers had come, but no changes were made to the easement, and so the water continues to damage our home. We have tried to protect our home, insulating our house with waterproof barriers, create physical barriers and adjusting grading on our property, but the flooding keeps happening due to no changes to the easement drainage system, and so the water from the snow melt continues to run into the house. We have had multiple insurance claims over the past 10 years as a result.

Despite my pleas to City Council over the years, nothing has been done to alleviate the problem of water collecting in the easement and seeping into my basement. While Mayor Fiacco was in office, my wife and I made an appointment to come see him to discuss this problem and find a solution, but he never made an appearance. Thus I beg your indulgence to allow me to speak with you and explain my request

My only request is that City Council provide a drainage system for the existing easements, and that the easement adjacent to our home be fixed to allow water to run away to the street, instead of continuing to cause damage to our home at our expense.

Thank you,

Archibald Jephtas-Crail