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## Sodding Problem, Ratepayer Irate, Wants Explanation

15 Metcalfe Ct.

Dear Sir:

Today I spent three (3) hours in the company of Mrs. Margaret Perger (co-owner of McCaul Sodding Co. Ltd., Toronto) in a vain attempt to find answers and seek possible solutions to some rather frustrating events concerning the Georgetown Water Commission, Georgetown Town Council and Georgetown Police Department.

After being without a lawn for some eight (8) months I was somewhat concerned to learn that the police department virtually halted sodding on Metcalfe Court as a result of their conversations with Mrs. Perger of McCaul Sodding and a representative of Skopit Homes Ltd. to the effect that such watering contravened by-law 69W2 and a charge would be made if watering continued.

Mrs. Perger and I talked with Mayor W. Emmerson and Mr. K. Falconer in the mayor's office concerning the unreasonable nature of by-law 69W2, the inconsistent manner in which by-law 69W2 was being administered (since lawns under similar circumstances on Eden Place were being watered at that very time by another developer the apparent lack of

communications between various town departments (i.e. engineering, police and water commission) since Mrs. Perger had been told on August 5 to proceed with any watering deemed necessary to a maximum of two (2) homes per day.

Since Mayor Emmerson was sympathetic to our arguments, I proposed that he call a meeting of the water commission to enact an amendment to by-law 69W2 immediately. My reason for seeking an amendment was to provide some reasonable latitude to developers who are attempting to complete the sodding and for new home owners who have lived with the dust and mud for variable periods of time. I proposed that any sodding contractor working in Georgetown be given unlimited watering privileges for a period of 48 hours from the time that the first sod is laid and that such a by-law limit the contractor to a maximum of two (2) homes per day.

Such an amendment would require two (2) affirmative votes of the three man Water Commission — Commissioner R. Ballentine, Mayor W. Emmerson and Mr. W. F. Smith — and could be acted upon immediately without council's ratification. Since Mr. Ballentine was not in town and the commission was not scheduled to meet until August 19 and because Mayor Emmerson seemed to concur with my proposals this necessitated contacting Mr. Smith. However, Mr. Smith explained that this could establish a precedent and how could this be explained to those who ask questions and said that he would not like to act prematurely or in an irrational manner on such a proposal.

In conversations with the aforementioned (including two (2) elected representatives) some relevant questions remain unanswered.

Does Georgetown have a water shortage?

If so, why are the wells that are reportedly functional not being used?

If these wells require special pumping equipment, why have not the necessary arrangements been made through the OMB for the debenture issue to procure such equipment?

Assuming the OMB has refused to grant permission for such a debenture issue, what action is our town council and water commission taking to rectify this matter?

If by-law 69W2 is to be enforced, why are there apparent inconsistencies in issuing summonses?

In conclusion, I feel that this whole matter could probably have been dealt with satisfactorily through one of several possible avenues of communication available to the individuals concerned, but unfortunately this did not transpire.

Yours very truly,  
Bruce E. Cropper

## Tell-Tale Evidence Anti-Freeze Trail

A trail of anti-freeze was the tell-tale evidence that led to the arrest and conviction of a Georgetown man.

Georgetown police nabbed the driver for failing to report an accident last May. On Wednesday he was fined \$50 by Judge James R. Black in county court.

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