

DEVELOPER APOLOGIZES FOR GLEN WILLIAMS FLOODING

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Halton Hills council is holding Eden Oak's feet to the fire following multiple incidents of muddy flood waters flowing from its housing development site down to Glen Williams properties below.

During the Sept. 20 meeting, councillors deferred two reports regarding the developer's 31 executive homes slated for lands at the terminus of Gamble Street so that town staff can assess whether erosion control measures put in place by the company can withstand future storms.

At issue is heavy storm water run-off that councillors and residents say has poured from the site, with Coun. Bryan Lewis characterizing the incident that

occurred late last month as the "Glen Williams version of a mudslide."

"I'm tired of my phone ringing at 8:15 in the morning, (with someone) saying the chocolate river is flowing again," he said. "People are just absolutely frustrated and have no — I repeat in bold letters — no trust in what's going on at the top of the hill."

Consultant Glenn Wellings, who attended the meeting on behalf of Eden Oak, extended his apologies to the residents "who have been inconvenienced by the recent storm water issues that have affected their properties," and to members of council for fielding calls on the topic.

"I'm looking to move past these events," he said, noting that Eden Oak, its engineering consultants and town staff have been work-

ing together to resolve the issue. He urged council to approve the Eden Oak reports — one of which would lift a holding provision so that the remainder of the building permits can be issued — as he said they're "completely independent of the storm water management matters."

"Without that holding provision being removed, the building stops, and that's not a good news story for the town, my client and the 31 homeowners that will be moving to this subdivision," he said, noting the conditions related to the holding provision have been satisfied.

But Lewis contended the approvals being sought and the water issue at hand can't be viewed separately.

"I'm as much concerned about the people who currently live there (in Glen



Joan Griffin photo

Muddy waters from the Eden Oak development site flow across Joan Griffin's Glen Williams property on Aug. 28.

Williams), before I'd be concerned about the people who want to live there," he said.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said while he appreciates the apology on behalf of the company, "quite frankly it

would've been really nice to have a letter from Eden Oak's principals that went out to the residents or even members of council."

He went on to put forth a motion, which was approved by council, to defer

the reports "until we get confirmation from staff that the newly installed erosion control measures can withstand another weather event."

The matter will be back on the agenda Oct. 4.

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