

Culvert drainage becomes nightmare

By ROBIN ROBINSON
An Uxbridge man says his efforts to stop water from draining onto his property from a township culvert are fast turning into a nightmare.

Dave Martland lives on a road that is maintained by a joint agreement with Brock Township. An Uxbridge Township culvert drains water from Brock Township directly onto Mr. Martland's property causing significant flooding during storms, he said.

"The culvert goes under the road and discharges water right onto my property," Mr. Martland told council at its November 9 meeting. "I think the township's responsible. It's the same as someone dumping garbage on my property, there's no difference... I want that culvert moved."

For two months Martland has

been trying to get the problem corrected either by Brock Township or by Uxbridge Township.

"The last time Brock Township crews came out they installed it (a second culvert to divert the water) in the wrong place," Mr. Martland said.

Although Mr. Martland admits his property may still be subject to flooding after the culvert is moved, he estimates the amount of water draining on his land will be reduced to only one-third of present levels. Part of the problem is that the properties in the area border a lake and the township has no easement to build a ditch to the water, Mr. Martland said.

Council told Mr. Martland that they would meet with Brock Township and report back on the most practical solution.

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