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His Worship Don Darling and
Members of Common Council

Your Worship and Councillors:

Subject: Localized Flooding

Background:

January 23rd 2019 the city experienced a rain storm event that resulted in localized flooding that resulted in significant damage to residential homes and commercial businesses in East Saint John, specifically around Glen Falls and the Golden Grove Road area. The local storm water systems and holding ponds became frozen and essentially blocked thus preventing the water escaping which has raised concerns with the condition of the holding pond on Golden Grove Road and if it is big enough to hold these amounts of water because these types of rain events, complicated with snow ice, could easily reoccur. I believe we must be proactive and not reactive.

Motion:

Direct the City Manager to report back on this areas entire storm water infrastructure and specifically if a second holding pond should be constructed, assess if the current maintenance schedule and protocol is adequate, provide the surveyor results that show the holding pond and subsequent ditches are still able to hold the amounts of water of their original design, address the flood storage policy and if this area is maxed out for new construction, the condition of Marsh Creek and its ability to accommodate the storm water exit capacity to the Bay of Fundy, a more aggressive approach to the current storm response protocol in this area such as thawing the storm water drains, snow removal on the existing holding pond.

Respectfully Submitted,

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