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Scott Thomas
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RE: Street slide problem on Hillcrest Drive

Dear Scott,

Included with this cover letter you will find a history of the road slide problems up on the Tina Comas Hill in Burlington. These areas are shown in a map in the back part of these documents that I am enclosing. One is on the north side of the hill and one is on the east side.

The roadways continue to slip off the side of the hill and the problem seems to be getting worse. I would expect at least one portion of the road to be closed possibly by next year at this time.

We have been in a wait and see mode for the last couple of years to monitor it to see how much worse it would get. I feel the time has come where we need to come up with a solution.

A history of the correspondence that has gone on over this problem is included with the packet of information. The finger seems to be pointing at the responsibility being at Leonard, Boudinot, and Skodje as they were the project engineer who signed off the roadways prior to the finished product. They have indicated that they may have some responsibility but do not know to what degree.

I would just request that you would read over this information. Bob Boudinot promised me that it would be going to their claims adjuster in the near future so there will be a meeting to decide what to do. The cost to fix the problem could run as high as \$500,000. My fear would be that if we do nothing and the road slides in the middle of the night and somebody might be coming around the corner and not know it and could turn into a catastrophe for the motorist.

If you would like to take a look at the problem areas please feel free to give me a call and I would glad to take you to the side of the hill to look at it.

Sincerely,

Rod D. Garrett
Director of Public Works

CC: Jon Aarstad

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