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WHO IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR LOSSES

I represent ACT a Community Association in an established neighbourhood in South Burlington. ACT (Active Community Teamwork) began after 6 years of serious, unresolved infill development concerns.

- 1- FLOODING is a BIG CONCERN.**
- 2- COMPENSATION for damages and losses to livability is a BIG CONCERN.**
- 3- SEVERE ANXIETY is a BIG Concern.**

There are 16 homes on our small crescent. In the past 5 years when 4 infill builds occurred, FOUR ABUTTING NEIGHBOURS incurred first time basement flooding.

FOUR BUILDS, FOUR BASEMENT FLOODS! FOUR for FOUR!!

As well, seven of 16 neighbours moved because they felt pushed out of the neighbourhood and the city they loved.

One neighbour is no longer able to get insurance because their basement flooded multiple times. Neighbours like us have spent upwards of \$30,000.00 to prevent or mitigate flooding. Double sump pump systems and generators have become our new norm.

ACT has delegated before City Council regarding infill specifically relating to Planning, Engineering, Grading, Drainage, Massing, Height, Depth, Overdevelopment of a lot relating to Zoning and the before, during and after devastation that can and is occurring in established communities. We have on public record that no one should be expected to incur any expense as a result of an applicant and owners construction decisions.

The City of Burlington's Grading and Drainage Bylaw 52-2018 states that
It is the responsibility of the Owner and Applicant to ensure that any change in grading and drainage will not have a negative impact on neighbouring properties.

YET ...

The owners and applicants have not taken responsibility for financial damages.

AND

Our City has not protected us by tightening and enforcing bylaws ensuring compensation.

OF COURSE we as engaged citizens of Burlington want and expect preventative assurances, instead we have **SEVERE ANXIETY.**

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