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Re. 720, 735, 740 Oval Court and 5135, 5155 Fairview Street
Flooding in South Burlington due to Iceberg Builds

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Preview: Branthaven has won many Builder of the Year Awards in Burlington, Hamilton and Mississauga. As a savvy and influential builder this company is capable of a more respectful design for our Burlington Community. There are 2000 homes designed to be built between 2 creeks, Sheldon and Appleby. Both creeks meander directly south through residential communities of homes that have never before flooded. This is true even during Burlington's major flood of August 2014 when both creeks to the immediate west, Shoreacres and Tuck had entire streets flooded. Sheldon Creek's identification as an important storm sewer water storage system should be valued, not ignored. That these multiple builds require significant cutting of mature trees along the Appleby Creek is environmentally and sadly irresponsible. The required regrading of the Appleby Creek should cause all neighbours south of Oval Court and Fairview to ask some of our A.C.T. community's questions.

Top Questions:

- 1- Will City Staff (building, zoning, grading, engineering) tighten up the mobility hubs depths, heights and expanse of builds so that future savvy builders will not over-mass a development site? Anybody who follows development within Burlington expected 22 stories. What happened? Who is accountable?
- 2- Iceberg Builds are the current trend yet development is going deeper underground and unseen to the average homeowner. The many creeks and tributaries beneath shift quickly until before a neighbour knows it, they are flooded with zero recourse. South Burlington would like to know who is liable. I have done many delegations about flooding in South Burlington. The reality and data about required double sump systems, lack of capability to regain insurance and the impact on flooded abutting neighbours properties is real. So who is liable?
- 3- Branthaven has ensured some amenities but not enough. As a retired local public school principal who has lived in the area for over 40 years, I have an understanding of the importance of Sherwood Forest Park. All of Halton Region's Cross Country Races, Rugby and Soccer matches occur at Sheldon Park. It is a much needed green space. It must remain accessible and fully usable to all. Will it remain a haven for hiking, biking and public use?
- 4- Reasonable and affordable rentals and housing require more attention on this site. Branthaven is in a position to once again make a positive difference within Burlington by taking the lead in current and future development needs. Accessibility to a community and variety of stores, medical and socialization possibilities would make this build not only desirable but heartwarming. Where will children of all ages attend school? How involved are the School Boards. Will Branthaven rise to the challenge of once again being the Best Builder in Burlington?

Thank you for your time. Branthaven, you can make a positive difference. Please do.