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Hi Tomas and Tamara,

Thanks for providing an outline of the proposed development on your property. MPWS does not have any concerns about the proposal as described. In fact, the wildlife pond would be an excellent addition. We have full confidence in the expert guidance provided by Dusty in the design of the project.

I appreciate you contacting us to provide an opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Robin Harrison
President, MPWS

Hello again, Steve.

We hope the new year has been going well for you.

We failed to respond to your last email when you sent us, but yes, we'd be interested in being included on the MPWS volunteer list. Thanks!

We also have some updates on information from the City and our current thinking for development concepts on our property, and thought to loop you back in.

The right-of-way that the City will be seeking runs the full length of the property (from Larsen in the back to Cumberland Rd in the front), and will be used for a 12 inch sanitary main, and will require access to manholes and service points. According to the Engineering Department, it is a planned expansion to the City infrastructure that they've had for a while now, to help accommodate the growing community. While we weren't exactly thrilled to hear of that, we understand that it's needed for the community. So, we're rolling with the punches and trying to see how that can best be managed on the property. Our thinking is that it makes most sense to run a driveway along the line where the City sanitary main will be.

You'll probably remember that there were some wet areas/ depression on the back portion of our property. Our environmental assessment showed that most of the areas designated as "wet areas" were filling in naturally and succeeding to forest. There is still one patch that is ephemerally wet (though not providing any functional wetland habitat or connection to the stream channel behind the property). It was confirmed that the wetness in these areas is contributed to by the ditch running from the neighbour's property to the south onto our property.

Our thought here is to make a trade-off: knowing that the sanitary main and driveway would disrupt some of that wet depression zone, we propose building a large wildlife bearing pond in the SW quadrant of the property that would serve to improve the habitat function of the property, as well as aid in stormwater detention. We have been working with Dusty Silvester at Current Environmental, as well as an engineer to see if this is feasible. They've come up with design specs and say it's absolutely feasible to make this into sustained amphibian habitat! So, we've submitted an application to the Province to see if they'll approve those proposed changes.

We'd be interested in hearing any feedback you may have. We look forward to continuing to be in touch.

Thanks very much!
All the best,
Tomas and Tamara