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District of Central Saanich
1903 Mt. Newton Cross Road
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Dear Mayor & Councillors,

I am writing to draw your attention to the maintenance required on Delamere Road which leads to the public access walkway in Brentwood Bay. With the coming rains, possibly atmospheric rivers, the ditch which should direct water flow is now overgrown and plugged from top to bottom.

Water from this flume is designed to enter a drain midway (at the corner of 821 Delamere) and at the municipal grate at the bottom of the stairs, adjacent to Port Royale. However, these grates and this ditch are currently non-functional.


Fast-moving surface water and snow quickly cause drainage problems when maintenance is ignored. In the past, my husband would keep those drains and flume cleared of debris. He died a year ago at the age of 83. Last winter, ice pushed into a heap by the district's snowplow prevented water from escaping into the grate and it overflowed. I tried to break it up with a shovel, not very successfully, as I'm a senior also.

This public access area needs public works' commitment to mitigate flooding this winter. These steps include:

- Installing a collar on the drain grate at the bottom of Delamere Road (and a flag in snow to warn the snowplow of the grate)
- Opening up the drainage pipe and grate midway up the hill
- Cutting and clearing brush from the hillside to ensure that ditch water keeps flowing from top to bottom

Although we can't control the force of nature, we can take steps to avoid neighbourhood flooding, at the very least. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,


Maureen Buchholz

