

To: Councillor Gullekson  
cc. Council  
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO  
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**Reference: 11/154/2019-145**

## RE: Flooding in the Alley West of 58<sup>th</sup> Street

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Addressing localized flooding issues during the spring melt is a focus of the roads department this time of year. Staff log reoccurring problem areas and prioritize their efforts to reduce the risk of ponding meltwater inundating private property. Flooding on the lane in question was primarily caused by an accumulation of hard-pack snow and ice preventing meltwater from draining north to 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Crews will remove the hard-pack and ice to restore positive drainage on the lane right away. When conditions allow, the roads department will also regrade the north section of lane so that drainage is directed west and north - away from the resident's property.

A secondary reason for the flooding on private property is that the resident's lot appears to be slightly lower than the elevation of the lane preventing effective drainage off his property. With the quick melt this year, its likely that the frozen ground did not absorb moisture as effectively as previous years.

I hope this satisfies your inquiry – please feel free to email or call me if you'd like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

FOIP Act section 17(1)

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