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Dear Residents of the RM of St Clements

**RE: Private Sump Pump Discharges into Municipal Ditches and Drains.**

Dear Residents,

The St. Clements Public Works Department has received numerous concerns regarding standing water in ditches in previous years. While we address these concerns, many issues stem from residential sump pump hoses discharging directly into municipal ditches. This causes stagnant water, leading to reduced drainage efficiency and growth of bulrushes.

Please refer to our Lot Grade bylaw, available on our website [link], which outlines the proper sump pump discharge requirements:

**4.09 - Sump Pump Discharge Pipe: Sump pump discharge pipes must direct water away from the building and onto a splash pad or approved method. Discharge must not flow onto neighboring properties or streets.**

The purpose of the bylaw to keep sump pump discharge hoses within individual property boundaries to reduce unnecessary water flow into municipal ditches. This will help ditches dry more quickly, reduce stagnant water, and minimize mosquito breeding.

We are committed to addressing other drainage issues through surveys, cleaning and maintenance.

For questions and concerns, please contact our drainage coordinator at [info@rmofstclements.com](mailto:info@rmofstclements.com) or to submit a complaint please visit our new public reporting system <https://stclementsmb.rm.catalisgov.ca/311/>

Kind Regards,

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