



## **PRESSEY LINE RECONSTRUCTION NOTICE**

### **Private Drain Connections**

May 8, 2025

#### **RE: Existing Private Drain Connections – Pressey Line Reconstruction**

Dear Resident,

As part of ongoing infrastructure improvements, the municipal drains along Pressey Line are being replaced on both sides of the roadway. The Township of Malahide has identified several existing private drain connections—such as foundation drains, sump pump outlets, or yard drains—along portions of the drain that either currently discharge into, or may be considered for connection to, the new municipal drainage system.

We would like to make residents aware of the **risks associated with private connections** to the municipal drain:

- **Backflow Risk:** During periods of heavy rainfall or extreme weather events, the municipal drain may become overloaded and pressurized. This can result in water backing up into private drainage systems and potentially causing flooding in basements or crawl spaces.
- **Responsibility for Private Connections:** Any connection from private property to the municipal drain system is the **responsibility of the property owner**, including maintenance, performance, and any resulting damage.

#### **Backflow Prevention is Strongly Recommended**

To reduce the risk of water backing up into your property, we strongly recommend the installation of a **backwater (backflow) prevention device** on your private storm connection. This work must be completed at the property owner's expense and should be performed by a qualified contractor or plumber familiar with this type of installation.

#### **Important Notes:**

- The municipality **does not maintain or guarantee** the performance of private drain connections.

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- Installation of backflow preventers may be required as part of compliance with local plumbing codes and for insurance purposes.
- Proper installation can **protect your property from damage** and provide peace of mind during heavy storms.

If you are unsure whether you have a private connection to the municipal drain, or need guidance on how to proceed, we encourage you to consult with a licensed plumber or drainage professional.

Should you have any questions regarding the project or this notice, please feel free to contact our office.

Regards,

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