

Gurnett Street ?left as a dustbowl? after sidewalk replacement: reader



Over the last week, contractors have been replacing a perfectly good sidewalk along Gurnett Street with another.

While this seemed a little puzzling a more important issue is the quality of the work undertaken.

I know enough about this kind of work to know that the quality of the job is not only in the work but in the way the work is done and, how the work site is left.

The fact that Gurnett Street was left as a dustbowl with no attempt to water down the street after the work is simple incompetence. In addition, when new turf was laid on the edge of gardens the workmen simply shovelled the remnants of concrete into the holes previously dug - this is probably not a recipe for excellent lawn recovery!

The work on Gurnett Street seemed to me to be a symptom of all that has happened in Aurora under the present Mayor.

Most important, and significant of which, is the continued despoiling of parts of Aurora with new development; in particular the ruination of mature streets with existing integral aesthetics, through the destruction of older properties and replacement with Toronto suburbanism.

I also attach some pictures of the kind of clean-up the Council might usefully spend money on; this is at the corner of Mosley and Yonge. This kind of gradual untidiness, small though it is, seems to indicate that the Council is more concerned with increasing its tax base than ensuring Aurora remains a pleasant place to live.

I am encouraged by the campaign of John Gallo and look forward to his candidacy in this year's Mayoral election.

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