

To whom it may concern and council members,

We want to start by thanking you for your time serving the community and commend you for the tough decisions needed at times. Today we are asking you to make another tough decision that I hope you consider and don't take lightly. There are multiple families backing this request that live on Guillemette road and roads adjoining that are extremely concerned with the impacts developments are having and will have long-term on our homes. Council has made it clear they know there is a water issue in this area and that there has been for many years. We as a collective have voiced our concerns and presented valid issues happening such as water amounts decreasing to homes, quality/acidity levels increasing and fracking being required as some examples. There is serious concern that there will be permanent water loss to our homes. There are homes that have 8+ wells on their property, there are homes that have gone 10+ years without water and/or struggled to accommodate daily basic need amounts. These concerns were brought forward multiple times in the 2018 severance applications on Guillemette Rd. including a family who stated they haven't had water issues with their home until the first well was installed before the vote/decision happened to move it forward to council. They provided a receipt at one of the meetings before the application made it to council from Kelly's Pumps showing they needed services to figure out why their water changed yet there wasn't much concern or interest. Our concern is a lot of these decisions have been made with personal interest/gain and the resident's valid concerns have been neglected.

As you know the housing value in the East Ferris area has sky rocketed and it has become a sought after area. With homes being valued in the ranges of \$650,000+ I think you can understand the financial loss and impacts families would feel if they no longer had water, had a decrease in water that affects their daily life and not to mention the value the homes would lose. As mentioned above there is a collective of residents who are very concerned our homes will be significantly impacted to the point that if we don't control things we will lose water to our homes. I know studies have been completed and it shows what the area can support but you have people living it and experiencing it that are telling you there is not enough water. Fracking is not a solution, it causes more issues and could lead to permanent water loss. At one of the meetings in 2018 with the severance application Mr. Curran brought in a specialist from Sudbury and when asked if fracking would fix any water issues that may arise the committee dismissed his answer of "it is a temporary fix but would not solve the issue" and only heard there is a fix. Council replied saying well it's an option citizens can do if needed and they moved on. That alone is a whole can of worms; you are putting a big financial bill on multiple of your citizens for a temporary maybe it will work fix so 1 developer can profit. Think about that for a minute, who's winning here.

This letter is an official request demanding the township put an immediate stop to all new building permits on lots that do not currently have a pre-existing home as of 2020 on them. We are asking that all current lots of Guillemette Rd. and roads abutting be declined building permits for a minimum of 3 years. Let the area settle from the new developments that have been built to see if the water issues resolve and stabilize. If the water rebounds and people go back to the water levels they had then slowly allow 1-2 new homes every few years to be approved a building permit so we can ensure there is enough water to sustain all homes in this area, new and pre-existing.

As homeowners in this area confirming to you there is a noticeable and concerning decrease in water since the last 5+ homes have been built on this road we urge you to seriously consider this request and come up with a plan. We are asking that as of today October 20th, 2021 no new permits be issues for

new builds. As a group we have sought legal advice with directions we can take if we do lose further water quantity, quality and permanent loss of water. We can provide a letter from our collective lawyer but if that is the route we need to go it will start the ball rolling. This request is not because we are against development, we understand areas grow. This request is because we have provided many concerns and valid issues with the mass increase in lots that have been created and are still being requested to be created. The council approved all these lots on Guillemette Rd. to be developed knowing there were water concerns amongst many other concerns and now we are asking you to put a stop for now to preserve the homes that are currently there. Please consider the financial impacts the township would be facing if multiple homes loss water in this area. Please consider that just because a report that is open to judgement and all based on hypotheticals as actual impacts can't be known until it's too late aren't always accurate. They are tools to be used with other information to make a decision and are not set in stone. You do not need to use the report as a 100% accurate tool that can't be wrong.

We hope you take this decision seriously and implement the request immediately. We know it has impacts as we have felt them too but please let us remind you that this isn't about personal gain and personal interest. This is about what is best for the citizens and community as a whole and not 1-2 people. Just because lots are approved does not mean homes needs to be built at rapid speed, let the area adjust as it is an area that has low resources. Don't ruin a neighborhood so a couple of people financially gain more, there is no financial impacts other than gain in this situation.

We are also wanting you to consider adding to the requirements for future builds on this road that are being built by Degagne Carpentry or affiliates/connected parties be financial responsible for bringing the road up to par for the traffic his developments are bringing. At least one side of the road needs a shoulder, and they should also be responsible for increasing the technology to the area. Internet speeds while working from home have decreased drastically and more homes brings concerns of not being able to connect remotely for citizens, perhaps the township can have him explore options to support the demand and increase. Why should the tax payers need to cover this expense when a developer is making millions and changing the area, put that financial bill into the requirements of expanding/building.

In closing there are multiple things such as the internet/road issues mentioned above and safety that needs to be considered with building permits being approved, but the biggest one that can financially impact the township is water. Please listen to your citizens telling you there is a problem, listen to this warning that we are very concerned we are going to lose water to our homes and potentially possibly lose it permanently.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to discussing this further at the meeting virtually.