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**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

Dear Ms. Hawkins,

I am writing to request attendance at the next East Ferris Township Council Meeting, on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 6:00 pm. I wish to address Council regarding some concerns that I have.

First, I would like to address Council with regards to communication concerns. They are as follows:

**1) Communication between Council and East Ferris Township Residents:**

- i) The minutes of the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 PAC meeting are not available on the township website.

**Municipal of East Ferris Procedural By-law:**

**Article 8 - Minutes of Meetings**

**8.5 Minutes - Kept in Clerk's Office**

"All minutes of Council, Local Board and Committee following adoption shall be kept in the Clerk's office and shall be made available for viewing during normal office hours and **shall be posted on the Corporation website**, save and except those minutes recorded during a meeting or part thereof that was closed to the public in accordance with Section 6.5 of this By-law and subject to the provisions of any applicable By-law, Act or Statute."

- ii) The minutes of the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2108 PAC meeting are incomplete. I was in attendance at this meeting and spoke of a variety of concerns relating to the proposed subdivision relating to One Mile Road, Centennial Crescent, and MacPherson Drive. Only one minor concern was noted in the minutes.

**Municipal of East Ferris Procedural By-law:**

**Article 8 - Minutes of Meetings**

**8.1 Content of Minutes**

"The minutes of all Council, Local Board and Committee meetings shall be prepared by the Clerk or the secretary or their designate and shall record without note or comment **all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings at the meeting** whether it is closed to the public or not. The minutes of each meeting shall also record the date, place and time of the meeting, the name of the Presiding Officer and members present and the adoption correction and any amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting."

- iii) It was mentioned at the March 27<sup>th</sup> PAC meeting that council meetings are not open to the public unless council decides otherwise. Although the article mentioned below states that meetings shall be open to the public, the public is not aware of this. Many residents are also

unaware that they can request to address Council and that this must be done in writing a week prior to the meeting in question.

**Municipal of East Ferris Procedural By-law:**

**Article 6 - Meetings of Council**

**6.4 Meetings open to the public**

"All Council meetings, Local Board and Committee meetings shall be open to the public unless otherwise provided for in the Municipal Act or any other statute or regulation."

- iv) Due to the communication issues mentioned above, my concern is that the minutes from the March 27<sup>th</sup> PAC meeting will also be incomplete, and thus not representative of residents' concerns, which will in turn affect council's decision to approve or deny the proposal for the subdivision.
- v) Notice of PACs concerning this proposed subdivision should reach a larger catchment area as this development will affect the entire area of Corbeil on the North side of Highway 17.

Second, I would like to address Council with regards to the proposed subdivision affecting One Mile Road, MacPherson Drive, and Centennial Crescent.

**2) Proposed Subdivision:**

i) I wish to express my understanding that the development of the East Ferris township is important; therefore, I wish to propose that council moves forward with Phase I of the proposed subdivision as it would contribute to the growth of our township. However, I wish to propose that Phase II be denied for a variety of existing concerns mentioned at the PAC meetings on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, such as: sufficient capacity for well water for 25 lots, water drainage issues caused by increasing water flow, erosion, and pressure of Phase II on lake, species at risk (ensuring Degagne meets requirements pre-construction, during construction and post-construction to eliminate or minimize destruction of habitat and subsequently ensuring that property owners follow Site Plan Controls), traffic concerns (including lack of sidewalks and shoulders on roads, the requirement of proper sight lines for a safe intersection at MacPherson Drive and future maintenance of One Mile Road) and fire safety (including water supply for fire incidents, road access must be considered and designed to support weight and width of fire trucks and for turn around, and increasing wait times for volunteer firefighters). I would present a petition of signatures from East Ferris township residents reflecting this proposal.

ii) I wish to propose that Block 29, which is to be preserved for parkland, be donated to the ministry as opposed to the municipality, in order to ensure that the conservation and protection of the land continues on through time. The petition of signatures would also reflect this proposal.

Your time and consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*M. Preston-Coles*

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East Ferris Township Resident