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**Subject:**

FW: Trout Lake Watershed Study - Dec 12 Council Meeting

I am requesting that the Municipality of East Ferris reject and return the consultant report encouraging further development on Trout Lake. The report is incomplete at best.

I was a participant throughout the process, I am also a long term resident on the lake and a Graduate Forester by training. I have worked on environmental causes these past 40 years.

The fundamental problem with the report is that it was written long before the process began and the consultants did not consider or respond to any of the issues raised by the participants. The consultant was patronizing and believe they know more than anyone else. They don't know one end of the lake from another and I think they would hit every rock on the lake if they were ever on it in a boat. They simply don't know what they are talking about.

I don't understand who enabled the consultant to think that it is acceptable public policy to put further stress on Trout Lake with further development. Even the consultant has no crystal ball on the impacts of development, climate change, land claims and increased human activity. These parameters can't be put in a mathematical model.

Everyone, including our local government must take every step to protect the areas lakes and rivers. Their health is very fragile and already show signs of considerable stress.

Throw this report out or request our money to be returned. In my professional experience this report is lacking.

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