

My name is Tina Edwards, and my husband John and I live at [REDACTED]. We have been residents of Bay Street East for 26 years, and never expected to encounter such an alarming and appalling plan for the reconstruction of our street. As full time residents of the area, we expected a more collaborative and transparent approach from our local government.

We believe that the Town Council was elected to represent the interests of all residents. However, the decision to prioritize the Bay Street East route for the force main servicing the west communities raises significant concerns. We question why this route was chosen over other potential options that may have been discussed.

The justifications provided for the Bay Street East route – cost, location, infrastructure, safety, and traffic – lack supporting data. Without concrete cost estimates, feasibility studies, or traffic monitoring data, it is difficult to assess the validity of these claims.

The perception that the decision was pre-determined and that residents were not fully involved in the process is deeply troubling. We were led to believe that our input was valued, but it seems that the town had already made up its mind. This lack of transparency undermines public trust.

Furthermore, the recent actions of town staff have raised concerns about their competence and impartiality. The animosity between employees and residents is a serious issue that must be addressed.

As taxpayers funding this project, we demand answers. We need to understand the rationale behind the decision, the alternatives considered, and the steps being taken to address the concerns of residents.

We urge the council to reconsider this decision and explore more equitable and sustainable options. The future of our community depends on open communication, transparency, and responsible governance.

Please, for the sake of the entire Town, do not ruin Bay Street East.

Thank you.