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Subject: Bay Street East

To: Jane Menard <[REDACTED]>

I am asking council to please reconsider the location of the force main planned for Bay Street East.

There has been a decision to clear cut up to 18 meters of forest all along Bay Street for a new force main. This will supply new developments with the infrastructure needed on the west side of town. The decision is described as urgent and there is a money saving option to piggy back the project with a needed water line on Bay Street East. I understand the engineers originally stated it was not urgent to replace that water line and the road has an approx 10 years of additional use before it will need to be replaced.

Through the media and a recent council meeting a new financial opportunity with the province for this type of municipal infrastructure is now available.

Please do take some time to considered the eco psychology of the people who live in this town and their neighbourhood.

We depend on council to be diligent when it comes to preserving the character of our Town and to prevent the social and environmental impact that these changes will impose on its citizens. Nobody wants their neighbourhoods torn apart, tree canopies removed and nature destroyed. Our current need for environmental sustainability is completely ignored when our desire for growth is our focus. The actual costs of this project are far greater than merely the sum of its financial costs.

I am not alone in my thinking as there are more than 2000 other humans who also want to see this decision revised. Humans create emotional bonds with their local environment. Those bonds provide solace security belonging and identity.

Our full time, part time and transient community has always chosen this area for these precious connections. Our municipality has economic development at top of mind as we grow and grow and grow beyond the capacity of our Infrastructure. Your citizens are losing what is most important to them. So many have yet to see or understand what all of the closed meetings over the last couple of years have produced.

Please reconsider the other options available to you and let's get this right together.

Thank you for your time and due diligence.

Sincerely

Jane Menard

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