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Subject: For council consideration. Deputation request re Forcemain
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My name is Katy Leighton, and I have lived full-time at [REDACTED] for the past 11 years and have spent winters in various other places in town for 40 years.

I'm here to comment on the additional 19M dollars that the TBM taxpayers are being required to pay for new infrastructure, over and above the original budget of \$34.79M.

To say the least, this comes as a huge shock, especially to those of us who have always thought there could be a more efficient routing of the project.

This amounts to, and is a bit analogous to experiencing trauma. Normally after trauma, a doctor would advise you to sit still, take a deep breath and gather your thoughts. This is all we are asking council to do.

Could we please just take a little time to recover from the shock and regroup? Maybe get a second opinion. Reexamine our needs.

The whole fiasco has been created because of rushing. The HEWS grant application was rushed because it was needed for the Campus of Care, and the project has been continually pushed forward without accurate financial and engineering analysis because of the deadline of March 2027 imposed by the grant.

In past discussions with the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, we were told that these grants are issued regularly, and if the town wanted to change the route or reexamine their engineering, another grant would be available in the next round. The ministry did not care about the technicals details of the application, only that the deadline would be met.

Let's not rush through another huge decisions that will have massive financial implications on the town. Could you please take a deep breath, regroup and reexamine this project with a second opinion and in a new era of world economy, to advise of any improvements and reassure the taxpayers that the entirety of this project is airtight and will be executed in the most efficient and professional manner available.

Thank you,
Katy Leighton
Sent from my iPad