

December 2, 2025.

Dear Councillors,

We are writing to express our serious concern after reviewing the recent Town Staff Report regarding the proposed major budget increase for the Bay Street East Sewer Reconstruction Project. The scale of this escalation represents an enormous and unacceptable financial burden on ALL Town taxpayers!

It now appears that the new Mill Street pumping station alone will consume approximately 80% of the available provincial grant funding!

This raises fundamental questions;
How were tenders and contracts approved based on such a significantly flawed cost estimate? The situation suggests a troubling level of planning and management failure.

Given the magnitude of the discrepancy, how can the public have the confidence that the revised figures now being presented are accurate or "REAL", especially after such an inadequate initial estimate.

This project has been in the public eye for several years, with repeated requests for the Town to explore alternative options. We were told this would save money by placing it down Bay Street!

We strongly urge Council to impose an immediate moratorium on the project. Particularly on any irreversible actions such as imminent tree removal.

As our elected officials, we respectfully request your prompt and serious attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tina and John Edwards

