

INVERHURON WATERSHED
CONCERNED CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION

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At the Council Meeting of Wednesday May 13th, 2015, the Tenders of \$15.8 million were rejected but...

This evening council rejected the Tenders for the massive project to force sewer and water connection on all of Inverhuron. It was stated that it was due to the excessive cost of the tenders. This is good news that unnecessary portions of the project will not continue at this point in time.

Council did address those areas with the greatest needs by passing two motions. I will paraphrase because the exact wording was referred to but not available to the public.

Request for extension of the Build Canada Grant to March 2018

Council authorized staff to again seek an extension of the grant available under the Build Canada Fund. The request will be for 2/3 funding of the project to deliver sewer and water connections to the properties outlined in the B M Ross Report defined as John, Cayley, Lake [Street North](#), Victoria [Street North](#). The extension of the project would be to March 2018 versus the current expiry date of March 2016. The exact properties that would be affected will be identified in the application. Council indicated this would be for 92 sewer ([grinder pump](#)) hook-ups and 48 water ([compulsory](#)) connections. The application will be filed by this Friday, May 15th.

Proceed with a Sewer and Water Project for the area of Greatest Need

Council indicated that if the extension was granted, new engineering drawings would be created and a new tender called to deliver a municipal sewer and water solution to the John, Cayley, Lake [St N](#), Victoria [St. N](#) area. The completion date of the construction would be March 2018.

Council also indicated that the affected property owners would be advised and additional dialogue held. There was no indication that the specifications of the project would change, [that is;](#) mandatory hook-up to grinder pumps and municipal water [would be required](#). Tenders would be let and Council would [share announce](#) the cost per property [with to the property](#) owners. There is still no indication that the MoK is prepared to shoulder any of the costs for this project.

IWCCA's offer to assist was rejected by Council [along with our commitment to coordinate with the IDRA-](#)

Important Issues Remaining

It is good news for Inverhuron Property Owners that the tenders were rejected and the massive project stopped. The tender prices were unreasonable and it is appropriate that they will not be forced on any of our owners.

It is disappointing that Council's focus for the last six years has been on a massive project rather than delivering a solution to those with the greatest needs for municipal sewers and water.

As Council seeks the extension and focuses on the area with the greatest need, we cannot lose sight of the fact the Environmental Assessment (EA) lasts for 10 years. This means that Council can perhaps resurrect the project any time in the next ten years and attempt to force it onto the Inverhuron property owners-

A Judicial Review must be filed within the first six months after anthe EA is completed and approved. This is the only opportunity we have will be granted to voice our concerns about future Mandatory Sewer and Water project for ALL of Inverhuron.

We need to continue working with the Municipality to deliver services to those that need it and work to oppose the arbitrary imposition of these services on those that do not need it.-

Unfortunately it appears that this fight is not over.

We thank you for your interest and support. We will do our best to keep you advised of the developments as they occur.

**Sharon Jackson – President
Inverhuron Watershed Concerned Citizens Association**

Our organization requires funding for all of the steps noted above. Thank you to the many who have already contributed. For those of you, who wish to make a donation, please forward your cheque payable to Inverhuron Watershed Concerned Citizens Association, c/o Sharon Jackson, 37 Albert Road, RR # 2, Inverhuron, Ontario N0G 2T0. We would suggest an initial contribution of \$100 and if we require more funding, we will maintain our communications and let our supporters know the need.-

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