

Ms. Lisa Campion
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Without Prejudice

Re: **Amendment to the Town of Erin Official Plan - file OPA 13**

To Ms. Campion,

This letter is to be received by you as the Clerk of the Town of Erin and passed on to Ms. Tanjot Bol, the Town of Erin Planning Department, the Mayor and all Council members prior to the Amendment of the Official Plan being put before Council for review.

The purpose of this letter is to object to the 3rd paragraph of section 2.17, paragraph 3;
“Where, and as, local municipal services become available along property boundaries, adjacent owners shall connect to municipal services and decommission any existing wells and septic tanks. Adjacent owners may be subject to service area charges.”

This paragraph allows the Town of Erin to make an arbitrary decision, at any time, that could result in any property owner that may have a sewage collection pipe close to their property becoming financially responsible for a portion, if not the total amount, of the cost of the collection system as well as having to immediately decommission their perfectly good septic system as well as all the related cost to do so and connect to the collection system no matter what the cost to the property owner is.

This is not acceptable. There are far too many variables and no accurate costing being presented to the taxpayer. There are only unsubstantiated estimates. Again, this is not acceptable.

The Town does not have the legal right to “force” any existing property into connecting into a new municipal service nor the legal right to “force” a property owner to pay for “any” portion of the new municipal system. The Town of Erin cannot “force” anyone to go into debt for any reason. The Town of Erin cannot “force” changes to any existing private property nor can the Town of Erin place a “Levy” on a property for municipal services not connected to the property.

I trust the Town of Erin will remove this paragraph from the proposed Amendment and confirm by return mail, to the address above, a response to this letter prior to any presentation of the Amendment to the Council.

Also, I wish to be made aware of any presentation, at least 24 hours prior to the presentation, to be made to the Council regarding the proposed Amendment OPA-13.

Lastly, this letter is also an “Official” “Request of Notice of Decision” stating the acceptance or denial of the Amendment as provided by the Municipal Act immediately following the decision.

Respectfully,

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Signature

Email: _____