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Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 9:18 PM
To: Regional Chair
Cc: Regional Clerk; Mayor Steve Pellegrini King; Regional Clerk
Subject: YR Sewage Solutions: YR Council 10/20/11

Dear Chair Fisch,

Subject: Upper York Region Sewage Solutions

I am writing to request that no solution should be decided on without consulting all the Lake Simcoe watershed lakeshore communities affected.

I acknowledge that I do not have significant personal knowledge about the project underway. But, based on York Region News and having talked to a couple people I have enough information to say that the process underway is very wrong. What York Region is proposing to do is comparable to what the Province did with the Green Energy Act which has angered so many municipalities (i.e. the upper jurisdiction has said that the lower tier has no role at the decision table.) Meeting the EA process by the "letter" is not good enough. Meeting with the affected communities in public meetings after a vote in Council 10/20 to proceed is not good enough.

The project in question is contentious in itself. Following the proposed process, which does not include fulsome engagement with the affected communities, is setting the stage for a very acrimonious project. And as such there is no way that it will be the best that it could be.

Chair Fisch: as we are well aware the engagement of the public in our critical democratic processes is very low. Making this kind of decision without full meaningful engagement is what makes the public cynical. I respectfully request that York Region Council delay their vote until after agreed to public meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Debbie Schaefer
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