

June 12, 2002

Reference: Kincardine Water Pipeline EA Study Team

Attention: Team Members

Dear EA Study Team,

As a resident of Tiverton and the elected representative for this part of the community, I wonder if I could ask for the following set of points and questions to be addressed by the E.A. project team. It is my intention with these questions to approach this problem in a reasonable and logical format.

I hope that by doing it this way, we will try to keep the playing field level for all players, both rural and urban, Tiverton and Kincardine. I do not like or want to be in, the position of pitting neighbour against neighbour, I believe that to be unnecessary and unproductive. I want to be part of a mediated solution that we can all live with and that meets the needs of all.

I do not expect the team to provide the answers today, but ask that they be minuted, tabled and answered in a reasonable timeframe. I would ask that the answers to these questions, be in writing and posted publicly, perhaps on a website. This will allow residents of the whole area to be able to make a decision on the facts surrounding these issues. I really appreciate your time in dealing with these points.

1. Please could you consider the following options in the EA, or provide reasons why they should not be included. Within the outputs on the options, could we include the costs to the residents of Tiverton, broken down to cost per household, cost per year and any known horizon issues:
 - ?? Tiverton stands alone, with upgrades to the wells.
 - ?? Tiverton receiving water from Kincardine.
 - ?? Tiverton sending water out to the Inverhuron Park.
 - ?? Tiverton supply to the park with no connections in Inverhuron.
 - ?? Pipeline to the park with take offs installed but no connections to any residents.
2. What work and what is the cost to upgrade the Kincardine Water Treatment plant.
 - ?? Breakdown of the work to be done.
 - ?? Breakdown of estimated costs per item.
 - ?? Cost per household in Kincardine.
 - ?? Timeline to complete the work.
3. Is the grant money under OSTAR available for the installation of the pipeline. If so, could we please show the section involved. There is concern by the residents regarding funding within OSTAR for pipeline work.
4. There is a concern that some developers may be involved in the movement towards establishing the pipeline. Can we have in writing that there is no hidden agenda, with regards to this being pushed by any outside interest, except for the province and the park.

5. What will be the estimated capital costs to establish the upgrade to bill 459 for an independent well system in Tiverton.
 - ~~EE~~ Breakdown of estimated costs per item.
 - ~~EE~~ Cost per household in Tiverton.
 - ~~EE~~ Timeline to complete the work.
6. What would be the estimated costs in the operation, maintenance and administration of an independent well system in Tiverton.
 - ~~EE~~ Breakdown of estimated cost per year.
 - ~~EE~~ Breakdown of estimated cost per household.
7. What are the estimated capital costs to the residents of Tiverton, for installing a pipeline.
 - ~~EE~~ Breakdown of estimated cost per year.
 - ~~EE~~ Breakdown of estimated cost per household.
8. What are the estimated operational, maintenance and administration costs to the residents of Tiverton, for a pipeline into Tiverton.
 - ~~EE~~ Breakdown of estimated cost per year.
 - ~~EE~~ Breakdown of estimated cost per household.
9. What is the expected lifespan of the wells in Tiverton.
10. What would be the estimated cost to drill another well (in 2002 dollars) in Tiverton. Would we be able to tie it into the upgraded systems, assuming that Tiverton upgrades its water supply, without having to install new chlorination equipment etc.
11. Could I ask that when we get the results, to ensure we put them in comparable tabular form. This is to allow the comparison of results in the whole EA be able to be easily understood by residents of all the communities involved. I would suggest a single fact sheet per community affected, with a summary sheet to compare the communities overall.
12. Could you provide an update on the process for hiring the firm involved in this process and the reason for not choosing the lowest of the bidders.
13. Will we equalize all the costs throughout the Municipality for the pipeline, if not, what will be the criteria and formula for having to pay for the pipeline.
14. Is the Tiverton water supply safe and does it meet the provincial regulations and guidelines.
15. Is the Kincardine water supply safe and does it meet the provincial regulations and guidelines.
16. Is the supply of water to the park actually included in the EA. If not where will this be discussed.
17. Can we make public the tentative agreement with the park, especially the cost recovery mechanisms.

- ?? Capital costs and percentiles split (Municipality and Province)
- ?? Operational and maintenance expense recovery.
18. Can we establish a website with all the information we know so far, on this issue. This would allow people to peruse it at their leisure and would establish good communications.
 19. Could we provide a lexicon of the terms used, as some of us are having difficulty understanding some of the terms.
 20. Can we set up on the web an open list of public documents regarding this, so that people can peruse them. Perhaps we could establish them up on a website.
 21. Could we post a listing of records that will require FOA access.
 22. Why does the Provincial body looking after Inverhuron Park not wish to drill its own well.
 23. Are there any other Municipality's, that are being asked to supply potable water and/or sewage connections to Provincial Parks. If so, can we have a list of them.
 24. Will we need a new standpipe for the pipeline. If not, how will this be reconciled for pressure fluctuations and supply/demand issues.
 25. In the event Tiverton wells are used for a pipeline, can we put in place a protocol regarding the emergency shut off, of Inverhuron Park in the event of the Tiverton wells having a problem. So that we ensure that Tiverton is able to receive water with priority.
 26. Can we have a breakdown of the water reserves for the Municipality, based on end of year 2001.
 27. Is the EA Process a legal process based on an Act of Law. If so, does it tie to any other Laws, such as the Water Resources Act.

In conclusion, I believe answering these questions may assist the people of the whole area, in moving toward a reasonable decision to this difficult, complicated and emotive issue.

If I can be of any assistance to the process or to any of the people involved, from all avenues and views, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you very much, for your time.

Respectfully yours,

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