

Concerns Received with Respect to Utility Connection Deadlines

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Hi Keith. Due to COVID-19, we are requesting a one year extension to connect to the Communal Sewage System (Bylaw 1294/18).

Our son David has a severely compromised immune system. He was the recipient of a kidney transplant a few years ago and has very little ability to ward off viral and bacterial infection. He has had some close calls since his transplant. He has been sheltering in place at our cabin (Plan 2335NY Lot 17 Blissful Beach) since early March and will continue to do so until our Medical leaders say things are safe. Due to this our entire family has been staying away from the cabin.

We are very concerned about the potential for community transmission of COVID-19 from having contractors around the cabin that he may have to interact with for estimates, to oversee work, etc. In addition, we have general concerns for him due to necessary contractor involvement with the effluent and tanks.

We did get the directional drilling completed a few years ago and have planned to complete the connection this spring or summer. Unfortunately, the pandemic has overtaken us all.

Thanks, **Section 17(1) FOIPP Act**

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Hi Brandon now sure who to write to to inquire whether there will be an extension to the septic hook up. At the moment THS is not installing grinder pumps unless it is a new tank as they are not letting their crews into old tanks at the moment because of COVID
Thanks

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Dear Tim,

I am writing to inquire about the possibility of a delay regarding the sewer upgrades required this fall due to the health and economic crisis we are all facing at this time.

We have lived in Yuill Subdivision for 28 years. This is our primary residence, our home, we do not own any other property. Bob and I are seniors and are on a fixed income.

We currently see our savings diminish daily. Quite frankly, I believe we just cannot afford these extra costs at this time.

It may seem as an overreaction but I am also concerned about the safety and health aspect. We would be conversing with contractors and most likely would have contractors in our house for example, and how do we protect both ourselves and others.

I am sure these issues will resolve themselves over time but currently I am not feeling comfortable.

I realize we are all going through tough times right now, and for Bob and I personally, would like to make a plea for some relief regarding the sewer upgrade requirements. This would help to alleviate the extra stress we are feeling at his time.

If there is anything the County could do for us, during this pandemic, we would greatly appreciate any help you could offer.

We are here and willing to answer any questions you may have for us.
If there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you,
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Keith:

I've been calling around and having a tough time finding someone to install our pump and connect to the system. I've found a plumber of choice (who hasn't come out to view the project yet) but they are not working due to covid-19.

Any chance the county will be giving us an extension beyond the fall 2020 deadline?

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5.
Hello Darren,
I am part owner, along with Section 17(1) FOIPP Act, of a Sylvan Lake property located at 39408-65 Blissful Beach, Range Rd. 2-1, Lacombe County. I am writing you today to request an extension on the septic installation due in October, 2020.
I lost my job in February. David had his hours greatly reduced in his job in Fort MacMurray and Jody is a retired teacher drawing a pension. The cost of the install is substantial in a normal setting but now with Covid-19 and the resulting economic and financial crisis it is huge.
I am reachable anytime per E-mail or phone at Section 17(1) FOIPP Act
Regards,
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From: Section 17(1) FOIPP Act
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 8:07 PM
To: Keith Boras <kboras@lacombecounty.com>
Cc: Ken Wigmore <kwigmore@lacombecounty.com>
Subject: Section 17(1) FOIPP Act

In reference to the above property I am extremely stressed to learn the water sewage development project is proceeding. Personally this decision places me in an overwhelming financial crisis. My current

renter of this land informed me April 28 2020 they are breaking their lease and refuse to pay the remaining portion due to the Corona virus and the current recession. They have removed all their assets which leaves me with zero income from this property. I currently owe in excess of 1/2 million which in itself is a huge financial burden. I have listed this property in a desperate measure to sell which is highly unlikely with Covid 19 and the current economical recession. I was informed the county may consider extending the date of payment to 2022 which I support but would also ask for a longer repayment plan of perhaps 15 years and the same consideration as the land owner immediately west of me who owns that 1/4 section as I have no permanent structures on my property
I am also deeply concerned there is no cap on the dollar amount the county is imposing on the current land owners. I was told this project when completed will increase the land value which ideally would be true but given my age and the current economic climate I do not foresee this happening in my lifetime or at least in a timely enough manner to save me from financial ruin.
Any efforts on your behalf to alleviate my financial crisis would be greatly appreciated.

7.

Hi Darren, I understand the County is receiving requests to extend the October sewage deadline, and that this will be discussed in the May Council meeting. I would like to add our name to the list of people very much in favor of this.

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Last week we received a quote for digging and hooking up. On top of the \$6100 County connection fee (we are currently paying through our taxes), it will be an ADDITIONAL \$25,000 that we must pay out within 5 months. With across the board unemployment, having to isolate in our homes and looking at a very unsettling future, this is just too much for us to handle right now.

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> We do support the idea of a regional sewer system, however I believe that giving an extension option to continue with private septic removal until this current crisis is resolved and the economy begins a recovery is a prudent decision. I'm hoping that the County sees merit in having their constituents support local businesses with their spending rather than paying out for a service we are already managing on our own.

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>Would it help Council in their decision making if more constituents were to come forward? When is the May Council meeting?

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> Thank you so much for your consideration of this, it would make a world of difference to many people who are in crisis right now...

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