

## Laverne Turnbull

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To Laverne Turnbull, Lacombe County

Would you please forward this request to Lacombe County Counselors?

Dear Counselors:

We are requesting a one year delay in the requirement to hook up our sewer system to the common collection system, which is currently scheduled for the Fall 2021.

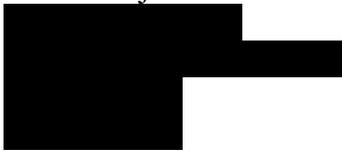
The reason for this request is that this has been a difficult year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and we are not in a financial position to shoulder the additional costs of the new equipment, installations, and monthly service fees. Some of the specific challenges we have had are:

1. Bruce has not been able to work this winter in the oil patch as it has been nearly dormant, so family income was significantly lower than previous years.
2. Our Daughter, Karen Holt, a server in the restaurant business, has been unemployed most of last year due to mandated shutdowns and unable to assist her children. Thus, we have needed to step in to assist her Son, our Grandson, Alex Holt-Brown, a student at Grant McEwan University, because he had no place to live last summer and no ability to get a job. We have also needed to assist her Daughter, our Granddaughter Sara Holt-Brown as she is living independently with minimum income due to a chronic illness.
3. Our Son, Timothy Holt, graduated with a Masters Degree in Finance, but was unable to find employment so has decided to continue his education in a PhD program, which has required us to help supplement his income in order for him to meet his expenses.
4. Our Son, Christopher Holt, President of Phase Sensors, has had significantly delayed engagements with customers due to the pandemic and difficulty making payroll for his team, thus we provided significant financial loans to bridge cash flow challenges.
5. Our Daughter Leslie and her Husband Misha, owners of two dental clinics in Edmonton, have faced financial hardships due to mandated shutdowns, paying more for personal protective equipment during shortages, and the cost of implementing new regulatory protocols. While they are currently open again, it is under different circumstances that make it difficult to cover operating costs. While we haven't had to supplement them financially, we have been providing support in other ways, such as being a sounding board for understanding the impacts of infection surges and subsequent government actions.
6. Our Daughter Heidi and her Husband Ben have undertaken a new venture to manufacture facemasks for Alberta Health. Ben has been working 12 hour days, 6 or 7 days a week for much of the year to get 9 mask-making machines up and running and to oversee 90 newly hired employees. This venture has required a large investment, but we have not had to assist them financially, however they have two small children, ages 2 years and 4 months, so Heidi has needed a lot of assistance in caring for the children during this time that Ben is focusing on his business.

What is interesting about this list of challenges is that the pandemic has impacted everyone of my family members in profound ways, and as the parents, we have been called upon in many ways that have put stress on us personally and financially. If our entire family is affected by the pandemic, it is most certain that many, if not all, other families in Kuusamo Krest are similarly impacted and would also benefit from a delay in this requirement. In speaking with our neighbors we know that their businesses have been severely hurt by the turndown in the oil patch and that they have similarly had to assist their adult children during these hard times.

Thank you for considering a compassionate decision to delay the implementation of the sewer system for another year so that our neighborhood has more time to set aside the funds for this large financial undertaking.

Regards,  
Bruce Holt  
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