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Dear Reeve & County Council members,

RE: Request for postponement of septic system connections scheduled for fall 2021

I am writing to formally request that you take this letter to the next council meeting to consider and discuss. Many hardships have occurred over the past year related to the pandemic, including lost and reduced employment, financial burdens, and social distancing measures resulting in unprecedented economic hardships.

In light of this, many of us are struggling with unexpected difficulties related to job security and financial situations that have been beyond our control or influence. We understand that the septic connection in Kuusamo Krest is scheduled to be completed in fall 2021. However, unprecedented circumstances financially, economically, and situationally are causing difficulty meeting this deadline.

I am formally requesting that this date be extended to fall 2022 or later, to allow for a stabilization and recovery of the economic situation. This will provide an extension to allow time to regain financial stability and pay for the related connection costs. We are finding the costs for final connections and equipment is an average of \$13,000 per resident, in addition to the water meter and plumbing installation costs.

I sincerely hope that council will carefully consider this request, knowing that there have been many financial adjustments and relief options provided within government over the past year at a federal, provincial, and county level.

Please provide me with a formal response once you have presented and discussed this with council members. It is my understanding the next council meetings are scheduled for April 12 and 26<sup>th</sup>, your timely consideration at the earliest meeting available would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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