

Ruby Shea

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Subject: Mount Newton Waterline Extension

Via Ruby Shea,

To Mayor Mar and Council,

We write to explain our position regards the proposed waterline extension along Mount Newton Cross road.

When the petition was circulating, my wife and I were not contacted.

As with several others, our home at 1189 Mount Newton Crossroad was not included on the "official" list of the catchment area.

Contrary to Mr. Nason's assurance at a public meeting that no one had complained of coercion or browbeating of the petitioners, I have personally listened to 3 people who assured me that they felt threatened, and fear retribution if they were to go public.

A representative of the Senanus group personally assured me that the extension would include hydrants for fire protection.

It is very clear that the Senanus group did not want the issue to be discussed at an open public meeting, and for them to walk out en-mass without allowing an examination of their position betrays the democratic nature of our decision making system.

We are alarmed that Mr. Nason would declare publicly that he was advised by the Municipality's Legal consultant that the petition process was flawed and should be abandoned, yet then declare one week later just as publicly that he was willing to proceed with the project. Is he willing to absorb any and all cost over-runs personally, or even on behalf of the Municipality?

We are also alarmed that when it was explained that one of the resident, a lady of 89 years, included in the catchment area would experience hardship because of the costs and it would probably force her from her home, that Ms.Tanner explained that she could always defer her taxes.

While this is a short-term solution, the bill must eventually be paid, with interest! This can still force the sale of the home to someone outside her family, to pay the tax bill.

Yours truly,

