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Dear Wilmot Township

This email is in request for Council to defer any decisions on January 6th on the Knipfel Private DWS System Project.

9.4 "IS-2025-01 - Knipfel Private DWS System – Project Update 78 RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council directs Staff to proceed with the detailed design for replacing the Knipfel Private Distribution Water System with a new municipal watermain and services that meets current municipal and provincial design and safety standards, including design for service connections for all existing users and properties fronting the proposed watermain layout in northeast Petersburg, Notre Dame Drive, and Snyder's Road East."

There are several reasons that this decision is not ready to be made:

- The residents have been given very little time to read the proposed design. It was only released last Friday and although a large turnout of residents met on short notice, it was obvious that there are more questions than answers about this.
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- It is imperative that there is not more of our hard earned money spent needlessly due to future plans. Will our infrastructure be utilized by the Region at a later date? Has consideration been made of all of the other road works & drainage works being done in the near future so that it is not being duplicated or destroyed during these other projects?
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- Why is there a plan for sub-urbanizing our area? There is no need for curbing and storm drains as there has not been any growth to warrant this. Shouldn't this be separate from our drinking water system? If there is road work required, what happened to all of the money that was to be put aside for this all these years? Nothing has been done to this area for many, many years, our roads are a mess.
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- The budget and how all of this is going to get paid for over the short term/long term is still a mystery. This is the greatest fear of our residents. All you have to do is look at all of the people from the Community that show up to the meetings. The majority are elderly, retired, semi-retired or planning to retire. On fixed incomes. If we are forced to sell and move it will be difficult to sell with what all is going on in Wilmot. Who wants to come live here with a 51% tax hike, Storm Water costs and Petersburg area Water supply costs?

Please do not allow more poor decisions to impact our Community. Lets take the time to do a proper analysis and have open and transparent communication with the residents of Wilmot who ultimately are the ones that will be impacted by these decisions.

Thanking you on behalf of many that are not technically able to communicate with you on this matter.

Best regards,
Karen McDonald

