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To: Rebekah Msuya-Collison
Subject: FW: FW 1 of 2: Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw

See below.

Thanks
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From: Dean Ducharme [mailto:huron@hay.net]
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From: Dean Ducharme [mailto:huron@hay.net]

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it only been 18 years and now we are finally looking at sharing a set of bylaws! If only this was being undertaken for the right reasons. Due to the timing, it appears that this bylaw. like the Thames Road Study is being undertaken for the same reason a cat kicks sand.

The current bylaws have only recently been reviewed and compiled, I am willing to bet there are some serious oversights. There appears to be some unaddressed lot coverage issues in the Osborne and Stephan wards. Regardless, there are some significant changes being proposed in this draft bylaw. Given that we just happen to be in an election year, it would seem appropriate for these changes to be discussed and debated during the election. and left for the new council to decide. But, like the cat, I expect sand must be kicked.

The current set of bylaws is only applicable to those who are not in the Special category of citizen. This Special category has always been, but was openly referred to recently by Councilor Deluca during an open council meeting. It should be noted that none on council, or with the administration took issue with the councilors declaration.

In the Key Map 5A of the draft bylaw the river is shown in its significantly altered state. The municipality and its agents have filled this property with asphalt, breaking some laws. This filling was done to facilitate the dumping of snow even though the property is not currently zoned for such a use, breaking their own bylaws. It is also worth mentioning that this property according to the Ministry of the Environment is unsuitable for use as a snow dump. Regardless the Municipality continues to dump snow contaminating the river regardless of the Minister's opinion, the municipalities own bylaws and citizen complaints.

As well there is a drain on Pryde Blvd that runs behind the Exeter Villa that was improperly constructed intentionally due to Special citizens wishes. This situation was raised publicly before a serious flood event. The then Mayor stated that the municipality could go in and fix the problem at anytime. He then purchased the property himself and has since added concrete, compounding the problem. And yet the municipality ignores this issue, in spite of citizen complaints, a municipal bylaw which dictates grades, and to the detriment of those that are subject to frequent flooding. It should be noted that the former mayor is a friend with the current Mayor. Special?

The most disturbing aspect of the New Draft Bylaw would have to be the Government Use clause which gives the municipality a pass on all bylaws, avoiding public scrutiny,. The above examples should be enough to illustrate why council and the administration should be subject to the same limitations as the rest of the public. Arrogance, which the above 2 examples illustrate (there are many more examples of this behavior) is a dangerous thing just ask those who died, and those that are still suffering as a result of the Walkerton Water Fiasco. Just like South Huron. Walkerton Councillors and the administration thought themselves above the law and hired only those that would do their bidding, with disastrous results.

As well the current process states that those who do not comment prior to the bylaws passing, will be denied due process. I wonder, if one of the Special Citizens noted above fails to communicate and, in a few month's time and states a mistake has been made, or as was the case with the Thames Road Study, there was just not time to comply. What will be council's response? Given the long history of jumping to the aid of the Special ones, the answer to this is a given. This should not come as a surprise according to Council's Strategic plan, good governance is far down the list of priorities, just below parking. Big Sigh.....

Respectfully (as much as I can muster) Submitted,

Dean Ducharme

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