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Subject: Oversizing pipe line proposal

Honourable Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councilors of South Huron,
I am writing as a resident of South Huron, living in the community of Grand Cove, to express my concerns and voice my opposition to oversizing the pipeline at a cost to the taxpayers. And while some argue that this will be development paying for development, when you charge all the tax payers for this cost, it is NOT the developers paying the tab for this pipeline.

This pipeline will not benefit anyone living in Grand Cove. The repairs to water and sewer lines in Grand Cove are paid by Capriet in our land lease fees. And yet we pay the same rates as Exeter, which has repairs to water and sewer lines to their door.

The wastewater sewer charge has been increasing at a rate of 37.7% since 2018. These increases are NOT sustainable for your tax base - and especially for the group from Grand Cove made up primarily of seniors on fixed income. I cannot imagine the increases that would be proposed if you proceed with the oversized pipeline.

I question the rationale of proceeding with a project that is proposed to be \$606,000, plus tax at 13% gets you up to \$685,000, and that is before cost overruns that will inevitably occur. I understand that Tridon has not committed to developing the second phase yet. Furthermore I question the feasibility of putting a residential development on land that frequently floods.

I also understand there is no master plan for development along the hiway north of Grand Bend. With no plan, it is completely irresponsible to commit to spending tax payers' hard earned money.

Please, Please, PLEASE, take your tax payers into consideration when making decisions and do not use taxpayer funds to oversize the pipeline.

Thank you for your consideration,
Ann Dufton