

YOUR WORSHIP, COUNCILLORS & CITY STAFF:

Thank you for the opportunity to address this public meeting regarding Water/Wastewater Budget Deliberations. We have all heard about how high our water/wastewater bills are compared to other municipalities and the continuing pressure to keep rate increases to a minimum.

Today I would like to share with you a solution to increase the fixed water/wastewater revenue at no cost to over 94% of the current users.

How could this be possible you may ask? Well, I will explain but first, some background information.

At the November 4th. 2014 Council Meeting, consent item 10.3.4 was passed which stated **"RESOLVED THAT Report BLDG2014-006, Accessory Dwelling Unit Registration, be received:**

THAT an Accessory Dwelling Unit Registration By-law, substantially in the form attached as Appendix A to Report BLDG2014-006, be approved and adopted by Council.

I believe you have been provided copies of the consent as well as the original Building Report in your folders. Contained in the report, in the Accessory Dwelling Unit Guide on page 102 under paragraph (d) **Municipal Water and Wastewater Service Billing** is the statement that *"Upon registration of the accessory dwelling unit the City Utility Billing Division will assess a second set of fixed rate charges to the property as referenced in the By-law Governing Water and Wastewater Services"*

(It should be noted that under the By-law, registration of an Accessory Dwelling Unit is mandatory.)

So what happened? The answer is no action was taken to implement that Council Resolution. As a former Councillor, it was always my understanding that once Council implemented a policy it was the duty of staff to carry it out.

However, it is not my intent to blame anyone, but to point out that should you chose to have staff enforce the Accessory Dwelling Unit Registration By-law, you will gain significant revenue to the fixed rate charges.

There are about 850+ Accessory Dwelling Units (aka Basement Apartments, In-Law suites) within the City of Kawartha Lakes and the residential yearly fixed use charges for water and sewer are \$481.56 per year. Therefore an increase in revenue of $850 \times \$481.56$ or \$409,326 would be possible. Had this By-law been implemented when originally passed, the City could have received over 1.6 million dollars by the end of 2018. This certainly could have reduced some pressure on the Water/Wastewater rates and/or debenture costs.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

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