

## **Request to Make a Presentation to the Committee of the Whole – March 10, 2020**

### **RE: Repeal of By-Law 2018-39, Section 23.05(aa) / Request for Relief; Application of the Flat Sewer Rate - 13 Sturgeon Street N, Omemee**

We are following up on our Deputation to Council from January 22, 2019, which has been received, but no action taken.

We were repealing the By-Law 2018-39, Section 23.05(aa), resulting in the regular flat sewer rate for a single family residence being applied to each of the small apartments in our building.

**We are back to specifically ask Council for relief, as well as to undertake a review of the By-law for similar properties as ours, and a subsequent change how the flat rate is applied.**

According to the By-Law, the regular flat sewer rate for a single family residence is applied to each one of our 3 - 1 BR and 1- 2 BR apartments, so we are paying the same as 4 single family residences.

This is the issue we are disputing: a 1-BR apartment pays the same as a single family residence.

To demonstrate the justice or injustice of the charge, let's compare a single residence (paying 1 flat rate) to our building (paying 4 flat rates):

Please refer to the table below for illustration.

	<b>Our Apartment Building (4 Flat Rates)</b>	<b>Single Residence (1 Flat Rate)</b>
Occupants	6	4-6
Bathrooms	4	3+
Laundry	1 – used by 4 people	1 – used by 4 people
Dishwasher	0	1
Car washing	0	2
Watering of lawns	0	1
Watering of gardens	0	1
Pool	0	1

We have 6 long-term tenants living there, no children, 4 bathrooms and 1 laundry used by 2 units only.

A single-home residence can easily have 4 to 6 occupants, 3 bathrooms, a full basement with additional bathrooms, etc.

Compared to a single-home residence, in our building there are no dishwashers, no pool to fill or top up, no watering lawns, no watering gardens, and no car washing as there is no garage or space.

The table shows that our 4 units together are almost comparable to 1 single-home residence.

It demonstrates our point that you should not treat a 1-BR apartment the same as a family residence.

We are asking for relief and to be charged less, for instance only 1.5 times the flat rate instead of 4 times.

The factor of 1.5 reflects the rate of occupants: a minimum of 4 in a residence vs. 6 in our building.

We are currently paying \$2,458.88 per year for sewer.

Affordable housing is a key issue in the City of Kawartha Lakes, and a fair charge for utilities is part of that effort.

Please refer the case back to staff to undertake a review of the By-law for similar properties as ours to change how the flat rate is applied.

Thank you for your consideration.

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