

Your worship and councilors,

My name is Rick Chartier and I have been a resident in Fenelon Falls for approximately 40 years.

During this time I have been witness to the snails paced development within this town.

But, after speaking to different locals and contractors I've learned the main reason for this.

The common denominator has always been the water and sewage capacity.

Although there has been a few newer developments in recent years, for example Sugarbush Villas, the two seniors homes and the newest one being the Lock 34 condos at the Garnett Graham beach park. All of this development has been done fully knowing our sewage system was at capacity at that time, a number of years ago.

Now we learn there are two more developments, which have been passed through council and are awaiting construction. One is an approximately 60 unit complex to be built on the old Swedfurn property on West Street , and the second one is a 30 unit complex to be built on Murray street.

Each of which, would still have to be tied to the existing packed sewage system.

And now there's a big push for another development of a 90 unit complex to be built on Juniper Street.

So let's do the math:

We have 2 approved projects totaling approximately 90 units, plus Juniper Street at 90 units

With 180 total units, each having from 2-4 people per unit, we're talking upwards of 700 people.

Let's remember, the "Village" of Fenelon Falls has a population of 1800 as of today.

With these already approved projects and this new project our population will be upwards of 2500 people.

That's a 28% increase on the population, stretching out our precious resources, and abusing our already crumbling sewage system.

If it was at capacity a number of years ago, "As we've always been told", and we presently have two more developments to add to this already choking system, then how could we honestly endorse another huge project like this to be built?

Remember, we can't fit 10 pounds of stuff into a 5 pound bag!! I can only imagine how many more millions of gallons of raw sewage that will be pumped into our pristine Sturgeon Lake if these developments continue.

So with that said councilors, I am officially asking, once again, for you to rescind the proposal of the Juniper Street project, and wait until our sewage system and infrastructure has been upgraded to accommodate such a plan.

Thank you very much for your time! Have a great afternoon!