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The Clerk

City of Kawartha Lakes

Please enter this document into the record for the upcoming June 27 Council Meeting re the adoption of the **Bocaygeon and Lindsay Secondary Plans and the General Amendment**.

I am objecting to the adoption of the above mentioned Plans. I received a notice from the City dated April 17 2017 notifying me that these Plans along with the Fenlon Falls, Omemee and Woodville Secondary Plans were to be repealed. Though I have received no further notice, I understand that instead of repealing the Plans, the Bobcaygeon and Lindsay Secondary Plans, along with the General Amendment -(on which all Secondary Plans rely)-. will be adopted at a Council Meeting June 27. There has been no notice that this is a Statutory Public Meeting as required by the Planning Act in order to proceed with adoption, and if it is a Statutory Public Meeting, no prior notice has been given within the time limits required by the Act. Once again, the City appears to be acting deceptively and in bad faith with respect the public and appellants.

I have been an active participant in the Official Plan process, and would like to express my opinion regarding a way forward.

- I am the person who spoke at the May 30 Special Council meeting and said that I had appealed the Official Plan in 2012 but had never been approached by Planning in an effort to resolve my issues. I know others who have the same experience. By way of background, I am a resident of Bobcaygeon, I have been involved in the Official Plan process since 2010 as a concerned citizen, and I have no vested interest in the Plan other than being a homeowner.

Since its inception the City has not had a completed Official Plan. The Secondary Plan portions have been five years in the making and are already out-of-date. This has impacted the City financially through delayed development, costly appeals, litigation expenses and unwarranted infrastructure costs.

One of the outcomes of the May 30 meeting must be that Council fully appreciates the mess Planning has created and the direct and indirect costs to the City. Planning's proposal is to forge ahead with a plan that does not adhere to the province's planning process and it will only lead to more costly appeals and further embarrassment at the OMB. There is no clear path to resolve this tangled web of unresolved issues with developers, residents, the OMB, and the province

This situation is the culmination of years of incompetence and deception by the CAO, Director, consultant and legal counsel. There is no prospect of them being able to resolve this situation in a timely manner and in my opinion, they should be replaced. Though Planning bears the brunt of the responsibility, Council is not blameless. Council has not provided proper oversight and has turned a blind eye to incompetence for too long.

In my opinion, the City has a Planning management team that cannot do the job. I am not a Planner but I do have many years of senior management experience and it is my opinion that this situation has gone on far too long under too many CAOs, too many Directors, and too many consultants. It is time to issue a Mayday. The City needs outside help. It is time to call in some IOUs from other municipalities, the OMB, the province, whoever. That's what leaders do.

And be wary. When things go wrong for so long, they are not necessarily confined to one department.

Bill Westcott P.Eng

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Westcott', with a stylized, cursive script.