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Good Day Mayor Martin

First let me introduce myself. My name is Angie Cusworth. I currently live on McMichael Rd. This is in very close proximity to the development currently in progress on the north end. The Villages of Waterford. I have lived in and around Waterford my entire life and raised my family here.

I am writing to you with grave concerns and disappointment regarding the development both currently happening and proposed for Waterford in the near and far future.

I believe like most of the community, I only recently became aware of the urban boundary expansion(s) via Facebook (FB). That is what has sparked some of us in the community to gather.

There are just so many concerns that revolve around this. Infrastructure being a huge one. I've heard already how my taxes needed to increase to cover infrastructure upgrades. I wish I could remember where I read that your initial pitch was for 8.9 million but that now it's been raised to some outlandish number like \$450 million? And now in your recent FB post you're indicating that we need to wait for the government funding from development for infrastructure?!

I can tell you that my property taxes are in excess of \$8,000.00/yr!!! And I live in the country/rural. That means I don't have access to things like water and sewer. If I have issues with my water or septic that's on me. I also don't get yard waste pick up. I'm expected to buy a permit that would allow me to burn it on my property or pay to take it to

the local transfer station and trust me we make several regular trips. It's costly. On top of that the last time I checked I don't qualify for a burn permit because of the size of my property and proximity to buildings. Does that sound right or fair given the excessive amount I'm already paying for property taxes?

We are taxed to death! That along with the extreme rise in cost of living has become a huge burden. Our wages are not increasing at the same level/pace. Asking us for more to allow for this development and expansion of our small town that we don't want is too much. There's a reason I'm still living here. I don't want a large town/city atmosphere and all that goes with that. I definitely don't want to see my small quaint hometown of Waterford with its' rich history to become the next Paris, ON. The congestion and the numerous roundabouts there are an eyesore and dizzying.

You ask if we the people don't think council hasn't considered the infrastructure concerns? I think we need to know specifically then, what is the concrete plan for the infrastructure of Waterford? This would include water, sewer, police, fire, roadways/traffic concerns, daycare, hospital, drs, etc.. A lot of these which are already in a deficit to serving our existing residents. Waiting for government funding to improve these while increasing the demand at the same time seems like we are always going to be back pedalling. Don't you think?

Respectfully  
Angie Cusworth