

To West Grey Council;

I would like to express my strong disappointment in the abrupt proposed Capital Water & Sewer Connection Charges. These increase costs have been proposed with no warning or consultation with builders and developers in West Grey. The proposed 133% increase will add an additional cost of \$2,800 / house with only 22 days' notice. The minimum user rates are proposed to be phased in over the next 6 months with a 3.2% increase then another 2.0% increase.

My question is; why should the builder and home owner be responsible for a 133% (\$2,800) increase in water & sewer connection fees, when the developer has already paid for all the services and any system upgrades required because of a new development?

With approximately 400 + new homes being built in 2 subdivisions on Durham Road there is plenty of opportunity for the municipality to collect dollars elsewhere.

Municipal Property Tax Levy	400 units x \$1,900 (avg.)	\$760,000 ann.
Development Charges	400 units x \$3250	1.3 Million
Water & Sewer Connection (Current)	400 units x \$1,200	\$480,000
Water & Sewer Usage	400 units x \$608.72 (min)	\$243,488 ann.

Your proposed increase would add approximately \$980,000 in revenue to West Grey's Water & Sewer Fees. What project in town requires almost \$1 Million Dollars? Any upgrades related to development have already been paid as part of subdivision agreements.

I understand fees have not been increased since 2016, but why such a sudden increase? This is something that could have been done in increments over the last 5 years, but now the builders and homeowners are suddenly responsible to pay for West Grey's lack of projection planning.

The lack of communication and the sudden increase is my biggest concern. Transparency and results were a huge part of all council's campaigns, yet I've yet to see few results and a lack of transparency. I have seen multiple new employees and new positions created at the Municipality, but the quality of service has certainly not improved.

I spend a lot of my time and efforts in this community as a Developer, Builder, Employer, Tax Payer and Citizen. My heart and soul goes into West Grey and I constantly am trying to improve our community, but I feel I am constantly working against Council and the Municipality.

I would like to discuss my concerns at the next council meeting.


Don Tremble
Candue Homes