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**Feb. 7, 2022**

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To interested parties.

February 07, 2022.

Generally, I try to update this site with new information as I obtain it, in this case, due to a Printer problem at my end this info is somewhat delayed.

On Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 2022, I received information from the Township which I had requested on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021, more precisely, the total amount of revenue the Township of Hornepayne collected from CN Rail, for the year 2020. ( see Township letter marked #1, which **follows**)

At first glance the amount of revenue from CN \$185,604.11 for the year 2020 would appear to be significant, roughly, what one would expect considering the assets they own within the township.

BUT CONSIDER

If we take this amount of revenue and do some basic comparative mathematics that illusion of "significant" pales quickly, when consideration is given to the burden CN imposed upon the taxpayers of Hornepayne.

Using the amount of revenue collected for 2020, as a mean average and excluding any interest factor, if we divide that figure into the 10.6 million dollars it cost the community to access a new water source at Moonlight Lake, we get a figure of 57.1 This fifty seven point one figure represents how many years at the current rate that CN pays, before the Town books would be balanced. If we began the repayment of the 10.6 million dollar debt, in the year 2007 and add 57.1 years to that date we arrive at year 2064.1 The books would be balanced in that year and the Township would again have the money CN contributes to apply to other legitimate municipal expenses. I conclude, at the sacrifice of the local taxpayer CN in effect, is getting a FREE RIDE for 57.1 years, over half a century.

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Let's look at this amount from a different angle, if we go to the Town site, Water Financial Plan, in the Statement of Financial Services, Table 4-1, and Note 2, or Debt, on page 4-10 ( see these docs. marked #2 and # 3 which follow)

Table 4-1 shows a total of 947,284.00 dollars of principle on the books still remaining to be paid of the (10.6 million) cost of going to Moonlight Lake.

Page 4-10, note 2, Debt, shows the amounts of repayment on that principle for the last five years, the last payment being \$29,623.00 for the year 2021. When we divide these figure, or the remaining principle of 947,284.00 by last year's payment of \$29,623.00 we get 31.97 This thirty one point nine seven figure represents the number of years it will take to pay off that remaining principle. Almost 32 years left to pay off a debt, which the town never owed in the first place.

When working with these figures and time estimates, one must remember they do not take into consideration the interest rates applicable or the compound effect it has on these debts. In my opinion, we could easily add another 10 years to each estimate.

Giving consideration to the examples I offer, CN's revenue is put into perspective. The amount collected from CN, when compared to burden imposed upon the Taxpayers as a result of their pollution, positions the taxpayer, a long way out on the dirty end of a stick.

I had hoped to be able to include in this PDF some information with regard to the Special Agreement which constitutes the one exception where CN Rail does not pay the same water and sewer rates as all other property owners in Hornepayne. That matter remains in the Appeal Process, my request to the Mayor and Council to make that Agreement public, fell on deaf ears, I got no response.(see docs. Marked #4 and #5)

Facts and figures do substantiate, the billion dollar Corporation, CN is enjoying a

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very supported and subsidized operation in Hornepayne.

Up ahead, the Township advises that they are doing a "review". I hope, at a bare minimum, their review will acknowledge the existence of a CN pollution problem within town limits. Such an admission would be coming fifty years late, but a necessary revelation in any process to address this matter. At present I'm searching for an independent third party to do a peer review. (see doc marked #6)

George.

# 1

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January 12, 2022

George Collins  
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[grampabug7@hotmail.com](mailto:grampabug7@hotmail.com)

**Re: MFIPPA Request No. M2021-04 – Supplementary Decision Letter**

Dear Mr. Collins:

We are writing in follow up to our Decision Letter dated November 26, 2021, in which you were advised that we intended to release certain records but had to provide the affected third party with the opportunity to appeal our decision. For greater clarity, the Records being released were those responsive to the following component of your request:

*"For the year 2020, how much total revenue did the Township collect from C.N. Rail".*

The third party's period for filing an appeal has now passed. As such, we can confirm that the Township's total revenues from C.N. Rail for the year 2020 were \$185,604.11.

As set out in our Decision Letter dated November 26, 2021, records responsive to the second part of your Request are exempt from disclosure pursuant to section 10 of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("MFIPPA"), a copy of which was appended to that letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

Gail Jaremy  
CAO/Clerk  
Township of Hornepayne

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**Table 4-1**  
**Statement of Financial Position: Water Services**  
**UNAUDITED: For Financial Planning Purposes Only**  
**2016-2021**

	Notes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Financial Assets</b>							
Cash	1	60,300	108,037	162,322	223,491	291,919	367,900
Accounts Receivable	1	72,086	73,881	75,720	77,605	79,547	81,536
Total Financial Assets		132,386	181,918	238,042	301,096	371,466	449,436
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	1	90,973	92,798	94,662	96,553	98,486	100,461
Debt (Principal only)	2	1,085,267	1,059,624	1,033,040	1,005,479	976,906	947,284
Total Liabilities		1,176,240	1,152,422	1,127,702	1,102,032	1,075,392	1,047,745
<b>Net Financial Assets/(Debt)</b>		<b>(1,043,854)</b>	<b>(970,504)</b>	<b>(889,660)</b>	<b>(800,936)</b>	<b>(703,926)</b>	<b>(598,309)</b>
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>							
Tangible Capital Assets	4	10,070,387	9,605,569	9,140,751	8,675,933	8,211,115	7,746,297
Total Non-Financial Assets		10,070,387	9,605,569	9,140,751	8,675,933	8,211,115	7,746,297
<b>Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	5	<b>9,026,533</b>	<b>8,635,065</b>	<b>8,251,091</b>	<b>7,874,997</b>	<b>7,507,189</b>	<b>7,147,988</b>
<b>Financial Indicators</b>	<b>Total Change</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
1) Increase/(Decrease) in Net Financial Assets	511,691	66,146	73,350	80,844	88,724	97,010	105,617
2) Increase/(Decrease) in Tangible Capital Assets	(2,788,908)	(464,818)	(464,818)	(464,818)	(464,818)	(464,818)	(464,818)
3) Increase/(Decrease) in Accumulated Surplus	(2,277,217)	(398,672)	(391,468)	(383,974)	(376,094)	(367,808)	(359,201)

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1. Cash, Receivables and Payables

It is assumed that the opening cash balances required to complete the financial plan are equal to:

Ending Reserve/Reserve Fund Balance  
Plus: Ending Accounts Payable Balance  
Less: Ending Accounts Receivable Balance  
Equals: Approximate Ending Cash Balance

Receivable and payable balances were estimated for each year of the forecast based on the following factors:

- a) Receivables: Based on historical levels of Township user fee receivables as a percentage of user fee revenues, applied to projected water revenues (source: Township staff);
- b) Payables: Based on historical levels of Township-wide payables as a percentage of annual expenses incurred, applied to projected water expenses (source: prior years' audited financial statements).

2. Debt

Outstanding water related debt at the end of 2015 was \$1,110,000. No additional debt proceeds are anticipated over the forecast period. Principal repayments over the forecast period are estimated as follows:

Year	Principal Payments
2016	24,734
2017	25,642
2018	26,584
2019	27,561
2020	28,573
2021	29,623
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 162,717</b>

For financial reporting purposes, debt principal payments represent a decrease in debt liability and the interest payments represent a current year operating expense.

3. Deferred Revenue

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPEAL

DATE: November 3, 2021  
TO: Mr. George J. Collins  
121 Fourth Street  
Box 883  
Nipigon, ON P0T 2J0

Our Appeal Number:	MA21-00683
Appellant 's Name:	George J. Collins
Name of Institution:	Township of Hornepayne
Institution 's File Number:	M2021-03

This is to confirm that our office received your appeal.

Your appeal is in the Initial Processing stage of the appeal process. During this stage all relevant information and documentation will be reviewed in order to determine how to process your appeal.

**As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the IPC's physical office closed on March 16, 2020, limiting our ability to advance existing and new appeals.**

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**While the IPC is now able to begin processing this appeal, there will be delays in the assignment of a Mediator to this file. You will be notified when a Mediator has been assigned.**

It is essential that you provide us with your current address and telephone number if this information is not already indicated in your letter of appeal.

If you have any questions, please contact **Norma Thorney**, Assistant Registrar at **(647) 407-8734** or **Norma.Thorney@ipc.on.ca**.



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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPEAL

DATE: December 23, 2021  
TO: Mr. George J. Collins  
121 Fourth Street  
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Our Appeal Number:	MA21-00796
Appellant 's Name:	George J. Collins
Name of Appellant 's Representative\ Contact:	George J. Collins
Name of Institution:	Township of Hornepayne
Institution 's File Number:	M2021-04

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2/7/2022

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Mail - George J Collins - Outlook

**RE: Question**

Gail Jeremy <jaremy.hpayne@bellnet.ca>

Wed 15/12/2021 08:09 AM

To: 'George J Collins' <grampabug7@hotmail.com>

Good Morning George,

The Township continues to review the information.

I hope to be in a position to respond in the New Year.

All the best of the Season to you.

Regards,

Gail



Gail Jeremy

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**From:** George J Collins <grampabug7@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** December 13, 2021 9:24 AM

**To:** Gail Jeremy <jaremy.hpayne@bellnet.ca>

**Subject:** Question