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Update on Pending Matters.

March 3RD, 2023.

As attached emails following, will support.

Matter (1) Appeal of MFIPPA, M2021-03 decision. Mediator makes no progress. The Mayor and Council will not disclose any info concerning the agreement where in CN Rail does not pay the same Water and Sewer rates as the Towns people.

Consequently, I have asked for an Adjudicator to be assigned.
(Please see email concerning the same)

Matter (2) On Dec 7th 2022, I requested that the mayor and council put the following question to CN Rail.

(2)

Question: "CN Rail, concerning your pollution, are there any associated health risks for residents living on or near the polluted areas of concern".

This request required a YES or NO, from the mayor and council, they WILL put the question to CN or they WILL NOT, it is now 87 days later and still no response. It is a key question I believe has not been sufficiently answered; I first brought this issue to Council's attention in April 2019. (Please see emails concerning the same)

Fact, diesel fuel contains benzene a known human carcinogen, documentation places estimates at three million liters, on and in CN property. I' am worried that a large amount has spread off their property to the surrounding public and private land. After decades there is still no public info indicating how much has spread beyond CN's property boundaries that is still anybody's guess.

By law, the polluter CN Rail is responsible for the determination and mitigation of any health risk to the public and that is a determination that the municipality should have compelled CN to make decades ago. Both parties, CN and the Township, failed in their obligation to keep the community informed concerning all aspects of this problem.

(3)

In 2019 when this mayor and council formed the present administration, I did hope for some of that openness and transparency they promised, a People first, Facts on the table and Majority consensus, but that never happened.

Currently, the Mayor and council refuse to take any action to protect the community on this matter. The potential of health risks for families living on and near the polluted areas is Indisputable; as such there is no justification for delay. Add to this ongoing failure, the following. Their refusal in 2019 to look into the matter of missing documents from the municipal files, their refusal to look into the anomalies within the Moonlight Lake water decision, the cost of which have compounded over the years placing severe financial burden on the community. Their refusal, to include any of the established facts concerning CN's environmental disaster virtually in the middle of the town, in the New Town Plan. Their current refusal to provide any details concerning the Secret Water and Sewer Rate Deal they have with CN, their refusal to request an Environmental Investigation as is possible under the EBR, when the facts clearly indicate that one is necessary. And let's not forget their hiring of a law firm at the taxpayers expense, with regard to all of the above.

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But you've got to love them, with all the unprecedented hypocrisy; on Feb 18th they cooked the town a breakfast.

The above listed failures, constitutes concrete grounds upon which to ask the Province to appoint an Administrator to take over the affairs of the Corporation of Hornepayne, and DO A FULL INVESTIGATION.

Matter (3) This date, we are still waiting for Mr. Hunters report.

Geo.

Re: INFO,

Jacqueline Wilson <jacqueline@cela.ca>

Mon 30/01/2023 02:15 PM

To: George J Collins <grampabug7@hotmail.com>; Flavia Zaka <flavia@cela.ca>

Ok, thanks so much!

2 small updates:

1- We'll have to do an FOI to get the most recent Annual Report, the most recent ECA for sewage, and any current orders or approvals. We'll draft it ASAP and send it out and try to keep it as limited and contained as possible. It's about \$5 to make the initial request, but as you know there can be a cost for receiving the package. Is that ok?

2- I spoke to the FOI Appeal mediator today with respect to the CN/ Hornepayne Agreement and CN submissions, and she confirmed she will send the matter to adjudication. We can expect an order in the next few weeks.

Oof. That's cold. I hope you can find a way to warm up.

Jacqueline Wilson (she/her)

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From: George J Collins < >
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 10:24 AM
To: Aileen Singh < >
Subject: Fw: Request for Update.

Good morning, Aileen.

As your records will show, I contacted your predecessor at 10:45 am on Dec 07th, 2022, asking that the Township include the following question in your proposed cores. to cn rail.

" C N Rail, concerning your pollution, are there any associated health risks for residents living on or near the polluted areas of concern".

In return, I received what would appear to have been an automatic response from Gail advising me to bring my request to your attention.

At 11:03 on Dec 7th as advised, I forwarded my request on to you. On Dec.9th at 09:45 you responded " I have not yet had a chance to look into this issue but aim to do so next week".

It is now Jan 17th almost six weeks have passed and I'm still waiting for a response.

It is my position that this question needs to be put before CN Rail, further it is the responsibility of the Mayor and Council to obtain an answer to this question without further delay.

Thanking you in advance for your response.

Geo.

From: Aileen Singh < >
Sent: January 23, 2023 08:44 AM
To: 'George J Collins' < >
Subject: RE: Request for Update.

Good morning George,

I do not have an update at this time, but I am looking into your request. I ask for your continued patience, as it will take some time.

I do have one request, if possible. Can you please try and respond to the last email in our email threads, instead of sending a new one each time? This will make it easier to keep track of our conversation and the information sent, without the messages become too convoluted.

Thank you and I will contact you once I have any further information and/or have any questions.



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From: George J Collins <grampabug7@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 9:46 AM
To: Aileen Singh <aileen.singh@hornepayne.ca>
Subject: Re: Request for Update.

Good morning, Aileen.

Thank you for this response.

I'm somewhat confused as to what could possibly be causing any delay. I consider my request an absolute no brainer. It is my position that a bare

minimum of concern would require the Mayor and Council to make such an inquiry immediately.

I also point, concerning the Township's proposed action of asking for annual reports from CN, that such reports are currently available. Please see PDF #10 on my site, hpcnmissions.ca for an example of the same.

Concerning your request, yes certainly I will use the thread, the exception being different aspects will require different emails for clarification purposes. Hope the above is helpful.

Geo.

George J. Collins

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From: Aileen Singh
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:50 PM
To: 'George J Collins' <grampabug7@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Request for Update.

Good morning George,

We will be placing your further requests to Council (as indicated below) on to an upcoming meeting (February 7th) in a closed session, as we will need direction from Council.

I will keep you informed of Council's decision.

Thank you.

Aileen Singh

RE: Request for Update.

Aileen Singh <aileen.singh@hornepayne.ca>

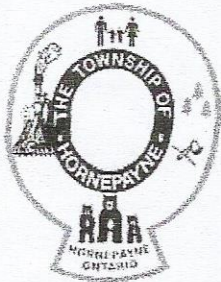
Thu 16/02/2023 05:11 PM

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

Good afternoon George,

Just wanted to provide an update in that Council is continuing to look into your request. I will keep you informed and hope to provide an update soon.

Thank you.



Aileen Singh

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