



Hastings Highlands

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Hon. Christine Elliott
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Dear Minister Elliott,

Re: Mandatory Septic System Reports

Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting of Council held on September 4, 2019 the Council of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands passed the following resolution:

Resolution 559-2019

WHEREAS the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations has released their latest report "Septic Re-inspection Programs in Ontario: A Guide for Lake Associations;"

AND WHEREAS this municipality has serious concerns over current available septic re-inspection information;

AND WHEREAS numerous companies already perform a septic pumping service and could easily perform an additional service by simply filling out a three part one page report with one copy going to the homeowner, one to the municipality, and one for their own records. This would develop an ongoing database from which septic re-inspection programs could be generated. This report could include requirements such as a visual inspection by the operator on type of system, time, date, location, and noticeable system problems;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this council endorse such a mandatory reporting system and that letters be sent requesting support for this initiative to the following people; Anne Egan, President of the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association, John FitzGibbon, Professor, University of Guelph, Liz Huff, Director Rural Ontario Municipal Associations, Terry Rees, Executive Director Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, Rick Phillips, Warden, Hastings County Council and Christine Elliott, Minister, Ontario Ministry of Health, our Local MP and MPP and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Sincerely,



Vic A. Bodnar
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