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Mayor Woodbury, council members ladies & gentlemen,

As mentioned in my e-mail of Monday night I have prepared a brief addressing some of the issue in the Burnside report and several other issues. I will be limited to 3 minutes on Wednesday night. With this in mind I have prepared this brief that expands upon comments I will say at the meeting.

### **Burnside Report**

There are 3 reports dated July 23, 2020, Nov 11, 2020 and the final report on February 24, 2021. These were not posted on the Township website until 2 days ago. It is nearly impossible to comment on these reports given the time restrains. I will address Points 49-60 as well as Point 61. Camp Creek has become a key focal point in this report unlike the previous reports. Given it's stated significance as a cold-water fishery, Trout Unlimited has been asked by me for their comments. Trout Unlimited is a North American non-profit organization that specializes in cold-water fisheries management. Their comments are quite relevant. It should also be noted that 2 colour plates in the SAAR report were misidentified as trout by a Trout Unlimited biologist in mid March of 2020. Point 61: Much was made of the dark sky lighting issue in the EIS (mentioned a dozen or so times) and VIS. Light pollution is every bit as important as water or air pollution. It deserves much more attention than it has been given by the Staff Report. The developer continues to flaunt the recommendations of his own EIS and VIS reports. Excessive, non complaint night lighting at the clubhouse and dock area is an example. Going forward is the developer going to continue to pick and chose what parts of the plans and studies he follows and then once the developer is done how are lot owners going to be monitored for compliance.

**Golden-Brown Algae (G-B):** Think "Thick floating cow dung-like mats" that have appeared on the lake each summer for the last 5 years. Prof Jan Stevenson, Michigan State University, has done much research on Michigan's inland lakes on this subject. He should be considered one of North America's leading authority on this subject. It was through my correspondence in the summer of 2016 that G-B algae was identified. He even commented the development would not be a positive for the proliferation of G-B algae. The developer asked for his contact information and even suggested inviting him to the lake for consultation, I asked Prof. Stevenson if I could give the developer his e-mail. The professor agreed. There has been no mention of the developer's correspondence with Prof Stevenson.

### **Provincial Policy Statement & Re-Colour it Grey (Grey County Official Plan)**

I ask you to refer to the Township link, "Arnott Comments March 25, 2020 Appendix D". Noted were a significant number of sections of these plans that speak directly to issues in the studies required by the developer. In the Staff Report the response to the PPS and Grey Plan are very general.

<https://www.southgate.ca/en/municipal-services/planning-applications-public-notices.aspx#C1-20-H-Bye-Construction-Wilder-Lake-Subdivision>

**Southgate Official Plan**

Specific reference is given to Wilder Lake in Part 5.4.2. Sections 4 & 5. These sections speak of the need for EIS and VIS as well building and structures along the lake. The EIS and VIS the developer submitted for the subdivision make no reference to the work to be done on the wharf (dock) and surrounding area. This work was started 6 months (May 2019) before the application was submitted and has not yet been approved. With so much emphasize by the Planning Action on Official Plans what's the explanation of this?

In conclusion we propose the deferral of submitting the staff Report with the Township's conditional approval to the County of Grey. "If the approval authority (Township & County) identifies the need to amend conditions of the draft approval, the Planning Act enables it to do so". Balls in your court now.

Regards, Tom Arnott