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Subject: Opposition to transferring SWP maintenance responsibility to Condo Corp
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Hello to all. In response to your request for input on the report to be presented to Grey County Council today regarding the Wilder Lake subdivision, I have noted my opposition to Point #5 in the Committee Report as attached.

Please consider my concerns when making a final recommendation. Thanks to all for your consideration.

July 8, 2021

To: Randy Scherzer

CC: Southgate Town Council

RE: Decision to assign SWP maintenance responsibility to a Condominium Corp.

Dear Randy and Southgate Town Council:

Hello to all. I was surprised to see that in The Committee Report to be presented to County of Grey Council on July 8th, that the decision has been taken in Point #5 to assign the responsibility for Storm Water Management (SWP) maintenance to a Condominium Corp instead of the Township of Southgate. (i.e. Point #5: “the on-going maintenance of these stormwater management blocks will be the responsibility of the condominium corporation”)

I am not aware of any public consultation that has been done on this issue. At the last Township Council meeting that I attended on this issue, my understanding was that the Township is maintaining other SWPs in the Township, and this was likely to follow the same path. I am opposed to transferring this responsibility from the Township to a Condo Corporation. I believe maintenance of the SWP is in the interest of the public at large, since it protects the water quality in Wilder Lake. As such, it is a matter of public interest that the SWP be maintained properly by an accountable public entity, such as the Township. I don't believe a Condo Corp would provide that level of transparency or accountability. There is also the question of their ability to perform the maintenance work properly, on a timely basis, which I believe the Township would do.

I recognize there may be cost considerations driving this decision, but those costs should be borne by the public as the quality of water on Wilder Lake affects everyone, not just the proposed subdivision owners. Condominium Corporations, in general, don't have a good track record of being diligent and accountable in maintaining infrastructure. I believe we should align the responsibility for maintaining the SWP with the public accountability framework, namely the Township in this case. My understanding is that the Township is maintaining other SWPs, so I don't see why we would change that practice in what is possibly the most environmentally sensitive application yet in the Township. Please reconsider this recommendation and whether the public needs to have input to it before making a final decision. Thanks for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Robert Caprini

Resident of Wilder Lake