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TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS  
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Dear Town Council,

I am writing regarding the letter you left at my home explaining the possible replacement of the water main on my street ( Mary Street ) there are concerns that I would like to address.

I would like to be advised of the date of the public meeting when there will be an opportunity for input from the residents prior to any final decisions. Also will any weight given to such input instead of just token listening before the project moves ahead without changes being considered or implemented.

I had the opportunity to talk with John Caswell for a short conversation and he indicated that there would be opportunity for those affected to voice concerns. He also indicated that the plan was to replace only the existing water line. When I asked why the line was being replaced he said that there were complaints about low pressure and that the line was not up to municipal standards. I have since talked to several of the people affected and not one indicated any pressure issues. I do understand that the municipal standards have changed dramatically since the installation of this line 46 years ago.

It is important to note that there was no indication from the town of any water issue until the lot below Russell street on the east side of Mary Street was sold. This lot currently has no municipal water service. All of a sudden the line needs to be replaced and upgraded, and this lot will receive municipal water - coincidence I think not!

John also indicated that there is no plan to install the sewer line at the same time. He explained that the plan was to rip up the road, replace the water line and then put everything back as it was before or better. I have been advised that there is a plan to install municipal sewers on Mary street at some future date. When I suggested that the sewer line be put in at the same time as the water line is upgraded, even if it is not connected, (install the pipe and the lot connections and cap all ends), he said that can not be done as it is installed at different depth. Well it does not make any sense to rip the road up twice to put the sewer pipe in at a later date at what I am sure will be

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a much more expensive cost. I might add that this cost would be paid by the tax payer. We can save money here.

Even if the sewer pipe is capped and sits idle ready for later use it makes much more sense to at the very least put it in the ground when the ground is disturbed and a new road surface is to installed.

I look forward to the meeting date to allow the opportunity to discuss these issues and any others that other residents may wish to bring to your attention.

Tax payer and your employer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry Murch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kerry Murch

C.C. Mike Humphries