

March 23, 2010

Town of Blue Mountains  
26 Bridge Street East  
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**ATTENTION:** Infrastructure and Recreation Committee

Dear Committee Members:

**RE:** Report No.EPW.10.022 - Lora Bay Service Area Fire Flows

I notice that in the background study report being received by Council, at tonight's meeting of the Infrastructure and Recreation Committee, that the report states the overall project costs of providing Fire Underwriter Survey (FUS) fire flows to the Lora Bay service area are to be funded by the developer. These costs are in the order of \$3,345,000. There has been no communication from the Town to The Lora Bay Corporation regarding these funding arrangements and it was only by reading the agenda for tonight's meeting on the Town's website, that I became aware of this report on the Lora Bay Service Area Fire Flows.

I wish to go record that The Lora Bay Corporation has never agreed to pay any costs to upgrade the existing water booster station or to twinning the existing trunk watermains to achieve FUS flows.

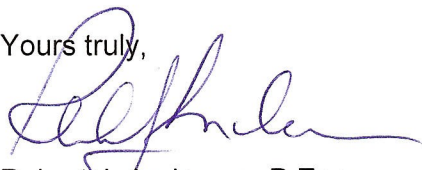
The Lora Bay Corporation has already, through development agreements with the Town, front ended the costs for the completed water booster station and existing water mains that were designed and constructed in 2005 and 2006.

It was the Town's responsibility to design and construct the WBS in 2006. Lora Bay was responsible for the design and construction for the water mains in 2005. Both projects were designed to the Town's engineering standards, Bylaw 2005-22, and both received MOE Certificates of Approval.

Lora Bay's current obligations with the Town include funding the cost for the engineering and construction of the reservoir, to be located adjacent to the existing water booster station. These costs have been estimated to be in the order of \$1,000,000.

If the Town's requirement for fire flows has been increased in accordance with FUS standards, as stated in the Revised 2009 Engineering Standards, then any required funding to upgrade the existing facilities for which the Town was responsible for approving, should be at the Town's expense.

Yours truly,



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