

Municipal Services Committee Meeting - August 12, 2024

Agenda Item # 14.1

Proposed Motion: Councillor Jeff Banks re: Village of Westport Wastewater

Moved By: Councillor Jeff Banks

Seconded By: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Rideau Lakes is committed to protecting its valuable waterfront and lakes;

AND WHEREAS concerns have surfaced regarding the potential harm from developments such as the "Watercolours" subdivision in Westport, Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the following measures be implemented in order to aim towards safeguarding the water quality and ecological integrity of the lakes in the Township of Rideau Lakes;

- Reevaluation of Household Impact Numbers: The Township requests that the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) reevaluates the current per-home numbers, currently set at 1.9 per household, to ensure they are realistic and reflective of actual impact;
- Fail-Safe Programs for Storm Surge Overflows: Implementation of proactive measures such as trucking effluent before severe weather warnings. - Regular water quality monitoring in various drilled water wells, the Westport quarry, and the creek along Whalen Street that flows into Upper Rideau Lake, the Mill Pond, and Upper Rideau Lake itself;
- Preventing Effluent Discharge into Lakes: Prohibition of any effluent entering the lakes. - Future building permits should include details on the number of bedrooms and appliances in residential buildings;
- Reducing Runoff into Lakes: Establishing systems to reduce or eliminate road and hard surface runoff into all lakes.