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Subject: Open Letter Re: Electoral Area C and D Rate Payer Concerns

Greetings Directors Kennedy and Northeast,

I was interested to read, in this week's CCRD Board of Directors meeting package, posted on the CCRD's website, the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Amendments document prepared by former CCRD Board Chair, Alison Sayers, of Sayers Consulting. In particular, I was interested to read the section on Hagensborg Water Improvement District Conversion.

As one of many interested rate payers of the Hagensborg Waterworks District (HWD), I am concerned to note that this represents the first piece of concrete information, regarding the process and timeline for the proposed HWD Conversion, that has been released to the public by either HWD or CCRD, despite numerous requests and delegations to CCRD Board meetings, seeking information and transparency.

What was of greatest interest to me, was the absence of detail around establishment of a new service area. According to the document from Sayers Consulting, "Complete Conversion" will coincide with "Establish New Service Area", with the associated timeline of 2020/2021. Given the process set out in legislation for establishment of a new Service Area, can you please advise why there has not been some communication with Rate Payers regarding what the Service Area establishment process will look like? Ordinarily this is a protracted process, which requires some form of Assent of the Establishing Bylaw, by the ratepayers/residents of the proposed Service Area. The only reference to an Assent process in the Sayers Consulting document is in relation to creation of a Local Community Commission.

Can you please advise if the CCRD intends to undertake the usual processes associated with establishing a new Local Service Area in relation to Hagensborg, including the usual Assent process set out in Parts 4, 6, and 10 of the *Local Government Act*? If not, why not?

Is there some other process being contemplated, or currently underway, such as a direct request for an Order in Council, dissolving the HWD, and converting the assets to the CCRD? If so, I would urge that, as an elected Area Director for the people of Hagensborg (who own and use the Hagensborg Water System), that you exercise extreme caution when voting in favour of such an opaque, secretive, unfair, inconsistent and undemocratic process. If there has been a request for an Order in Council to dissolve the HWD, or if such a request is being contemplated, please advise by whom (HWD or CCRD), such a request was made.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters, which are of great significance to the residents, rate payers, and electors of Hagensborg/Electoral Areas C and D. I urge you also to take these questions to your fellow CCRD Board members for the Board's immediate consideration.

Thank you,

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