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Oxford County Council 21 Reeve Street, PO Box 1614 Woodstock, ON, N4S 7Y3

August 13, 2024.

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RE: 2024 BRIGHT WATER SECURITY COMMITTEE PROJECT Summary and Petition

Dear Mr. Ryan, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Acchione, Ms Gilvesy, Ms Martin, Mr. Mayberry, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Petrie, Mr. Shaefer and Ms Tait,

Please find enclosed the "Summary of the 2024 Bright Water Security Committee Project" and the "Petition for Bright Water Supply" with signatures from residents.

We ask that the attached Summary document and Petition with signatures be included in Official Correspondence for Oxford County Council.

We also ask that this Summary document be read into the record at the next Oxford County Council meeting. We request that the Petition results be declared at the same meeting.

Please RSVP with the date of the meeting when our information will be presented (emails above).

Thank-you,
2024 Bright Water Security Committee

André Dittrich, Co-Chair

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2024 BRIGHT WATER SECURITY COMMITTEE PROJECT

Summary

August 13, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT: February 29, 2024

"In cooperation with Oxford County Public Works, the Bright Water Security Committee will pursue a healthy sustainable water supply for the Village of Bright."

Rationale: Historically contaminated land sites may have compromised the quality and viability of Well 4(A) and Well 5 in Bright. For the benefit of residents, we seek an immediate start to the Plattsville treatment plant / Plattsville-to-Bright pipeline project, described in the 2024 Water & Wastewater Master Plan.

From day one our main objective was to ensure a safe and sustainable water supply for the Town of Bright. Oxford County, under the 2024 Water and Wastewater Master Plan, identified a Bright-Plattsville water system interconnection project, to ensure a consistent, reliable supply of water for Bright. This includes a water treatment plant in Plattsville. Their timeline for this improvement project has a proposed start date between 2029 and 2033.

Our key focus was to bring this timeline forward.

We heard and acknowledged certain community objections to our mission.

We thank the many community members who supported our goals, and those who signed our petition.

We do not understand the objection to ensuring the quality and quantity of our town's water supply for the short and long terms. Development was in the Official Plan in the early 1990s, for three areas on the east side of Bright, along with 3 residential properties at the east end of Cuthbertson Street.

Each new home increases the demand on Well 4(A) and Well 5 in Bright.

The concern of "out of pocket" upfront charges was unfounded and has been addressed at both the Township and County levels. The total costs of the approved treatment and pipeline project would be shared across all residents of Oxford County who use town wells, whether it starts today or in 6+ years. This will increase our water bills, not our property taxes.

In short, we will need to sit back and collectively hope that the quantity and quality of our current water supply remains sustainable, until the County deems the project to be necessary and justifiable.

Co-Chairs, 2024 Bright Water Security Committee

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PETITION FOR BRIGHT WATER SUPPLY -

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RATIONALE

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Well 4A supplies most of the water for the Village of Bright.
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The new housing construction in Bright will increase the population and put strain on Well 4A and Well 5, possibly further increasing the sodium content (now over 60 mg/L). This high sodium level can be detrimental for residents who have health concerns. https://www.southwesthealthline.ca/

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Well 4A supplies most of the water for the Village of Bright.
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Well 4A supplies most of the water for the Village of Bright.
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We, the undersigned residents of the Village of Bright, petition the County of Oxford, Ontario, to

- 1) immediately address the potential water contamination of Wells 5 and 4(A)
- 2) accelerate the construction of the Plattsville water treatment plant and the Plattsville-to-Bright water pipeline, to be completed by December 31, 2026.

RATIONALE

The County of Oxford has determined that the Village of Bright may need an alternative water supply. Water will be treated in Plattsville, Ontario and delivered to Bright via pipeline. The current timeline for this is 9 years.

One well supplies most of the water for the Village of Bright (Well 4A). Well 5 is listed as functional, but is currently not being used.

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The new housing construction in Bright will increase the population and put strain on Well 4A.

Bright water has a high sodium level (over 60 mg/L) which can be detrimental for residents who have health concerns.

Some surrounding farm families share the aquifer.

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