

HOWSON DAM & POND CITIZENS COMMITTEE

NEWSLETTER

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Over the years, many people have used the phrase, “It’s not over until it’s over.” You might have assumed that the fate of the Howson Dam & Pond has met its demise; however, our Committee has not been sitting idly by waiting for a miracle to happen. Our Committee hired a lawyer who has meticulously reviewed the provincial Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, the provincial Environmental Assessment Act, the federal Canadian Navigable Waters Act and the GSS Engineering proposal that was accepted by North Huron Council.

Our lawyer has drafted a letter to the North Huron Council members to advise them that, in his opinion, “the Citizens Committee and the entire Wingham community have very strong grounds on which to oppose the issuance of the required approvals” for decommissioning the Howson Dam.

The lawyer highlighted many shortcomings of the GSS engineering proposal. He has suggested an alternative path that Council should consider, as it will be very costly and time consuming to stay its present course. GSS engineering skipped over a number of very important and costly steps that will need to be addressed. Our Committee is prepared to contact the appropriate Ministries if the Council members continue to bury their heads and pretend that those issues do not exist.

Looking ahead, we feel confident that the North Huron Council will provide an opportunity for a fund-raising committee to work its magic.

Down the road, the fund-raising committee will need your financial support to build a dam or weir that will be the pride of Wingham for another 100 years.

Thank you for your continued support over the years.

Sincerely,

Rennie Alexander,

Howson Dam & Pond Citizens Committee, Chairperson