

HOWSON DAM & POND CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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April 19, 2021 might have been just another day in your busy life, but that was the day that the North Huron Council voted 5-2 to proceed with securing an RFP (request for proposal) to decommission the Howson Dam. It is interesting that the councillors want to have the dam removed without investigating that cost versus the cost of repair or revitalization.

There was a committee of council that, after one year of listening to the pros and cons of the future of the Howson Dam, voted very strongly to have the dam rehabilitated. In January 2021, Chant Inc. conducted an in-depth study of the dam and concluded that it definitely can be revitalized.

It is shameful that the North Huron Council has turned a blind eye to the wishes of the community. You might remember that we have over 1,000 signatures of people that want to see the dam repaired. We had a committee of council that voted to have the dam rehabilitated and we have an engineering company that has stated the dam can be revitalized.

What will it take to get the North Huron Council to consider the wishes of the community????

On a more positive note, a fundraising committee has been formed and will be approaching council at its next meeting on June 7, 2021. You can view the presentation, by the Chairperson Chris Moore, on your computer.

Please continue to follow us on Facebook or on our website www.savethehowsondam.weebly.com. Weekly pictures will be posted of people using the pond. Also Stephanie Hills will be posting weekly pictures of the dam and pond on Facebook.

Thank you.

Rennie Alexander, Chair, Howson Dam & Pond Citizens Committee