

HOWSON DAM & POND CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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Where has Common Sense & A Vision for the Future Gone?

Did you know that there will be an all candidates meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7pm, upstairs in the Wingham town hall? Plan to attend!

I will never understand how the Council reached such a negative conclusion when there was such positive proof presented. Why would the Council NOT be in favour of refurbishing the Howson Dam when:

- 1- The Citizens Committee has 1000 signatures of people that would like to see the dam repaired;
- 2- There are two engineer reports that said that the dam could be repaired;
- 3- There was a committee of council that met for one year and strongly voted in favour of the Howson dam repairs and their recommendation was ignored by NH council.
- 4- A North Huron recreation survey was conducted in June 2021. The questionnaire asked for written submissions regarding the future of the Howson dam. There were only 3 letters received that favoured the removal of the dam and 23 letters received that wanted to save the Howson dam.
- 5- Finally, in January 2022, a committee approached NH council that was willing to put their time and effort into fundraising the money to repair the dam. They were flatly turned down.

Any candidates running for council or reeve must have a vision for the future of Wingham, as well as E Wawanosh and Blyth. This area is the jewel of south-western Ont. We need to work together to keep it GREAT.

Rennie Alexander

Howson Dam & Pond Citizens Committee, Chairperson