

HOWSON DAM REPAIR PROJECT – NEWSLETTER #3

Hello Fellow Dam Repair Supporters:

Dec. 17, 2015

As a result of the letter below, we have been invited to make a presentation to Council on the evening of Mon. Jan, 4th, 2016. If you could attend to show your support, it would be greatly appreciated. We will try to advise you of the exact time closer to that date.

November 25, 2015

**Sharon Chambers, CAO North Huron Council
Wingham, ON
NOG 2W0**

Sharon, in Nov. 13, 2015, I was at your office and we discussed setting a date for the Howson Dam Committee to meet with Council. You have indicated in the past, specifically, Oct 16th and Nov 13th, that Council wishes to hear from MNR and MVCA before they schedule our delegation. As of Nov. 23, 2015, these two agencies have not been invited to a Council meeting; therefore, our scheduled meeting with Council on December 21st, seems premature.. You have also indicated over the past two months that you needed additional information from BM Ross & Associates before you could proceed. I hope you have been able to obtain that.

You previously indicated to Council, that it has three options for the dam. Your suggested options were:

- 1.) to repair the dam at an approximate cost of \$500,000
- 2.) get rid of the dam at an approximate cost of \$1.3 million
- 3.) do nothing

Doing nothing is the least satisfactory because, if nothing is done, the structure will continue to deteriorate. The costs of the other 2 options will undoubtedly increase as the years pass. Ultimately, this option only increases the cost to taxpayers. Maintenance and repair of the dam should be a priority for this

Council in the 2016 budget.

For the past year and a half, our committee has worked very hard to gather the necessary information for Council and the other agencies. We were prepared to make our presentation in October 2015; however, we have had no productive discussion with Township staff for quite some time. If there is anything that we can do to help expedite this process, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Rennie Alexander
Andy McBride
Jim Wickens
Tom Inglis