



June 29, 2021

City of Regina
Mayor & City Council
2476 Victoria Avenue
PO Box 1790
Regina, SK S4P 3C8

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Discharge of Sewage from June 11, 2021

We understand that the Calling Lakes Ecomuseum, and the Calling Lakes District Planning Commission with the assistance of the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards has written to you with a number of questions and concerns in regards to your discharge of sewage on June 11, 2021.

On behalf of all ratepayers and residents living in the Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187, we the RM Council would like to advise you of our displeasure of this discharge into Wascana Creek which drains into the Qu'Appelle River and Lakes. We wonder why no notification was made to our office prior to discharge? How was a permit obtained without testing? When will we be notified of the results of the testing? What was the volume of wastewater that flowed into the Qu'Appelle Lakes? What are your plans to mitigate this problem in the future?

The RM have many year-round users of these lakes which include resort residence, rural and urban residence, first nations, provincial and local parks, campers and day users; the Qu'Appelle Valley is a well-known tourist destination. Your discharges are a serious threat to our lakes and the habitat that live in and around them.

To quote from the Water Security Agency website, "Wastewater effluents are the largest source of pollution by volume to surface water in Canada. Wastewater effluents may contain many pollutants and substances of concern including grit, debris, suspended solids, disease-causing pathogens, decaying organic wastes, nutrients and hundreds of chemicals". (Per Government of Canada Environment).

We understand that you have done upgrades to your wastewater treatment facilities in the past, but there is still work to be done. Discharges in to the Qu'Appelle water system from the City of Regina has been an ongoing issue for many years. We hope there is an infrastructure plan in place.

If the answer to this problem is that the sewage is so diluted as to not harm the environment perhaps your infrastructure could be upgraded to direct your discharge of sewer into Wascana Lake and diverge Wascana Creek from running into the Qu'Appelle so that we no longer have to contend with your diluted "waste water" in our front yards.

With Regards,
Reeve & Council of North Qu'Appelle No. 187

Cc: Hon. Warren Kaeding, Minister of the Environment, Hon. Travis Keisig Last Mountain-Touchwood, Hon. Don McMorris Indian Head-Milestone, Hon. Andrew Scheer Regina-Qu'Appelle, Calling Lakes Dist. Plan. Comm., FHQ Tribal Council, Hon. Fred Bradshaw-Minister for WSA, Water Security Agency

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