

Dear Minister Broten:

As the ward Councillor who has represented Flamborough for the past 12 years I wish to state my objection to the Flamborough Springs water taking permit expansion. My objection is based on what has been a huge problem for my residents who rely on a well base for their water supply. Historic water issues have plagued the area in question both from a quality and quantity perspective with a million and a half being invested municipally to help address this on-going problem. Every year for the past five years the area in question has been the first to be issued a watering ban with significant penalties enforced upon them for violation that may ensue for lack of compliance. Water conservation has not only been implemented but strongly enforced with almost total compliance from my community and still water quantity problems have persisted. Obviously given these circumstances there is a great level of disenchantment that an individual who has exceeded his water taking permit and been caught then seeks to increase his water consumption to the equivalent of an extra 250 homes by MOE standards.

The city is only now catching up to what has plagued my community for years in terms of quality and quantity of water from an area with a fragile aquifer with individual wells being effected by not only the dropping of water tables but by applications for further demands on the well water supply.

As I am sure you are already aware the Green Belt legislation passed over a year ago prevents the City of Hamilton from piping water from Lake Ontario to service water needs to this area. With this in mind and knowing that there is no possible fall back position if the current water problems are exacerbated I respectfully request that the application by Flamborough Springs to increase the current water taking permit be declined.

If you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerest Regards

Margaret McCarthy, Councillor Ward 15