

To Council:

I am sorry, but I have to continue to advocate on behalf of the Farewell Heights 'residents regarding their well water. I was in the same situation as they are right now. Most of them are not part of subdivision build not far from them or located at private road along with their wetland. I lose my well water as soon as the water pipe ran in front of my house, so I know how it feels like. The same will happen to them. Can you imagine that? Developer refused to pay for my connection.

Our area is located on high but shallow water table, unconfined aquifer that is underlain by clay - similar to bath tub effects. The groundwater flow in this water basin is coming from NE to SW. There is no other area anywhere being found with aquifer like that. After pipeline with lots of gravel around it was install in front of my house, groundwater was diverted away from my well. FH people are in limbo. On top of groundwater diversion, only conventional SWM is planned for FH and study states that the runoff will quickly be diverted to Farewell Creek that is located past their subdivision or

at private road. How will this work? Their wells may become contaminated without treating it first.

We didn't cause any problems, but now the question is - Who should pay for all-around changes to water supply?

We all know that WATER is basic need in life.

Please, help people from Farewell Heights who are so scared to lose their water.

There is nothing worse than losing access to water.

**Some notes from my correspondence with Region:
Council can decide that developers will pay for bringing the water, as it was done before. E.g.:**

Pg. 15 – Should the approved development interfere with the well on private water supply of an area landowner, the developer is required to either connect the affected party to the municipal water supply system or provide a new well or private water system so that water supplied to the affected party shall be of quality and quantity of water enjoyed by the affected party prior the interference.

It is the current practice of the Region of Durham to install a water service to the affected owners' property limit. It would be a developer's responsibility to compensate the property owner for associated private installation and connection costs.

This subdivision was located at the corner of FH. There was flooding, cracks in the walls, etc.

Read Regional suggestions and my comments - excerpts from reports.

Libby Racansky
Good morning Ms. Racansky,

Your email was passed on to me as Charlotte is no longer with the Region. In the future if you have any well related questions, you should address them to Nga Nguyen (copied on this email). Having said this, I am happy to respond to your questions.

As you are aware, the Region has a Council approved Well Interference Policy. The Policy states that any property owner with a well impacted by the construction of regional services, will be provided a watermain connection and the normal frontage and connection charges will be waived. The Policy also states that the well owner is responsible for the works required on private property. Regional staff do not have the discretion to pay for the works on private property because it would be contrary to Council's direction stated in the Policy. I recall the subdivision you reference below. In that case, Clarington made it a Condition of Draft Plan approval that the developer had to pay for any works required on private property. Should Clarington choose to do the same in this case, the Region would be happy to enforce it.

Finally, you asked, "*Why would the Region spend any finances for this?*". The Well Interference Policy is 100% funded by Development Charges, therefore

developers are funding the Policy. There is no property tax or water/sewer ratepayers' money spent through the Well Interference Policy.

I hope this answers your questions.

**Regards,
Paul**

Including Regional Chair and other planners

Mission of current strategic Plan: To enhance the quality of life in our community

Current Policy framework for FH: The areas marked "Environmental Protection Area" are significant natural spaces that must be protected, conserved, and enhanced



On top of geology of this site, we must consider the underground volcanic fault and the results of machinery used on surrounded areas.