

EPCOR Water (West) Inc.
2015 Contribution in Aid of Construction Application
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Reference: Windward Development 2002 Ltd. Email dated October 9, 2015

Request:

1. My name is Paul Turner and my business partner's name is Adam Sturlis. We own Windward Developments 2002 Ltd. Together we build residential housing in the French Creek area. We recently purchased an acreage which we had rezoned to residential housing and currently in the engineering are stages of development. Previous to this we were also involved in two other developments in that area. In the last one we built an out of province company named Epcor took over from Triple H as owners of the water system. They promptly more than doubled the Contribution in Aid of Construction. This was not that long ago. I read in our local newspaper of the application by Epcor to again raise the contribution rate from \$8500.00 to \$19,000.00 for the French Creek area. We our held captive by this monopoly and we know the only person able to stop this money grab is you and your office. Please recognize this as just another way to fatten the profits of this company at our expense. I am aware that they are throwing a high number out in the hopes that you will split the difference with them. It is our opinion that there should be no increase what so ever. As there is very little other development in their jurisdiction outside of ours we feel that we are being targeted. Because our subdivision has a potential buildout of 54 lots this increase amounts to an unexpected \$567,000.00 extra cost and will actually put in jeopardy the project. Thanks you so much for listening and I am hopeful that you will address this issue.

Response:

EWW confirms that the Contribution in Aid of Construction charge for applications filed prior to September 1, 2015 will be \$8,500 per lot. EWW also notes that increases in the Contribution in Aid of Construction charges are not a means "fatten profits". Rather,



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this process allows EWW to recover costs associated with developer-driven expansion of the water system. Details related to the increased costs associated with the expansion of the water system were set out in EWW's 2015-2017 RRA as well as in the application filed in this proceeding.