

May 27th, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

My husband and I became new home and land owners in the municipality of North Middlesex in 2017 when we purchased our farm at 31809 Centre Road, Parkhill. Since this time, we have welcomed a baby girl into our family to become a family of three. As home owners, we pay land and property taxes as well as taxes for municipal water but have come to learn that we do not have access to this service, as the water line stops on either side of our property. Although we have an ultraviolet light and reverse osmosis for our well system, our well water continues to be undrinkable due to the total coliform count. Since owning our property we have had to find alternative ways to get drinking water.

We are writing this letter to you, to request continuation of the municipal water line to our property so we are able to access this resource to provide safe, clean and sustainable drinking water for our family. In the new strategic plan, it outlines that “North Middlesex LEADS by providing high quality public services, convenient access to services as well as regularly evaluating municipal services to ensure responsiveness to residents needs.” Our need is clean water. Despite living on a main road, being a North Middlesex resident and paying for municipal water through taxes, we do not have the opportunity to access this basic service.

Surrounding municipalities as well as North Middlesex are beginning to invest and provide tax payers more advanced infrastructure such as natural gas and fibre optic internet but have not provided the basic necessity of clean drinking water to all of their tax payers. The strategic plan outlines that “the municipality wants to not only provide essential services but do more.” Therefore, we are hopeful that this strategic plan goal can be fulfilled by extending the municipal water line to our farm to provide the essential service of clean drinking water for our family.

Sincerely,

Rob, Shannon and Braya Schiestel