

March 25, 2019

To the Council and Administration of Oakland-Wawanesa;

I joined council to help us to get a fresh start. Over the past five months I've noticed that many of the past issues just seem unchangeable.

Leadership is where these changes usually begin. Our head of council does not portray a true leader in that he lacks the qualities of respectfulness, the ability to guide, integrity and being honest and transparent. I have serious issues working with people that I do not respect.

It is very apparent that the rules that are to be for the entire council, don't seem to apply to everyone and this truly disheartens me. There is a lack of desire to work together and to support one another which makes the already difficult work of council, almost impossible.

I am unable to see any solution to the problems that I have mentioned above and, despite my best efforts to encourage and work towards positive change, I feel frustrated at every turn and do not want to continue with this futile struggle any longer.

Please accept my resignation as councillor effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Barry Fowell

March 24, 2019

Attention: CAO - Rural Municipality Oakland-Wawanesa/ Rural Ratepayers

Re: Resignation

I was hopeful that the election of a new Council would bring about changes reflecting transparency, taxation fairness and cooperation. However, there has been no desire from Wawanesa Council members to exhibit fairness towards their rural neighbours. All decisions revolve around what benefits themselves and the Village of Wawanesa. Wawanesa Council members continue to lobby behind the scenes to achieve their goals and have managed to gain enough support from rural Council members to attain their agenda.

I was under the impression that all rural Councillors had committed to a position of fairness to all Ratepayers, but that clearly has not been the case. Amalgamation has unfairly shifted the taxation burden to rural ratepayers, with Wawanesa taxes decreasing significantly. The Provincial government clearly states that RM Council has the ability to make taxation fair for all residents, but there must be a Will to do so.

Head of Council lacks the integrity and leadership qualities to work with Council and the Public. He works behind the scenes to promote his agenda and does not effectively or fairly represent all residents of the RM.

The defamatory comments and harassment directed towards myself, have made it painfully clear that Wawanesa Council members will go to great lengths to maintain control of RM Council.

I am resigning as Councillor of Ward 2, effective immediately.

Dennis Rome