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Dear Mr. Millar,

I am writing to express my disappointment. I requested that my property and some of the adjacent land be considered for the rural boundary expansion. I live at 9491 South Chippawa Road. My property abuts the hamlet of Caistorville on the north east side. There are 53 acres beside my home which are part of my parents' estate until Nov. 21 at which time they will be deeded to my sister and me. I requested two or three hectares be considered by the Region. For years, my mother, [REDACTED], made requests to the Region to have this property included in the hamlet. I have copies of the correspondence between the Region and her. Unfortunately, during her lifetime, it never came to fruition. In her will, she stated that, even after her death, her daughters would continue to pursue this dream. Like [REDACTED] and myself, my mother was looking out for the future well-being of her daughters and seven grandchildren.

My mother had made several requests years before [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]'s land, also adjacent to the hamlet on the south side, has been recommended by the Township in this last round of rural boundary expansions. Eight or so years ago, he requested his land be considered but it was not recommended at that time. Three years ago, he made a request to the Township to build a large marijuana manufacturing plant on the same property. As a result of a large outcry from the neighbours in Caistorville and much debate and involvement by the Township council, he withdrew his request. I was present at the council meeting when neighbours spoke against [REDACTED] and he withdrew his request. Did he really want to build a marijuana plant behind his home or was this an empty request? In the minutes of the council meeting it should state that [REDACTED] finished his speech with words to the effect "since I am withdrawing this request, I hope the Township will consider me the next time I make a request for the rural boundary expansion". I remember that night like it was yesterday because I approached him after the meeting and told him that if he ever decided to pursue the rural boundary hamlet expansion, I would support him because we shared the same dream. Interestingly, this time, the Township has granted [REDACTED]'s request, but sadly, not my mine nor that of my mother.

When I examine the requests that were recommended by Township staff in the hamlets of Caistorville, Abingdon, and Wellandport, it appears I should have hired professionals to write a report or I should have asked for 8-10 hectares. I could have done both of these, but I was told by Township staff that professionals were not needed for the initial request, and that my request would more likely be considered if I asked for less. Ironically, the Township recommended proposals made by professional groups and for 8-11 hectares. When I was given that advice, I believe the Township staff had already made their decision. According to Township staff, they did not recommend my request because "four hectares will "significantly impact" the remaining agricultural land and will put

the Township's plan "way over the top" for rural expansion." I do not understand how that is possible.

To add insult to injury, [REDACTED]'s property directly south of my property and east of [REDACTED]'s property is being considered by the Township. I have lived on this land my whole life. My dad was born in the farmhouse which my sister now resides in. It is not our intention to move. This is our land, this is our history. I don't know what Mr. [REDACTED]'s long term plans are nor [REDACTED]'s (haven't seen the son out here in 40 years). I know the Region has a set of criteria they use to make their decisions, and family history is not one of them. I just felt the need to write and express my deep disappointment. The thought of looking out my front window and seeing new homes being built on [REDACTED]'s land, and possibly, [REDACTED]'s land, when my request was denied, is gut wrenching and heartbreaking. I am glad my mom is not alive to see the request she made many years ago and fought for will never be considered.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sherri de Wilde

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