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Hon. Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
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## Resolution re Request to proceed with sampling and testing of private water In North Kent

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on May 29, 2023, passed the following resolution:

"Whereas the Ontario Ministry of Health recently conducted The All-Hazard Investigation of water wells in North Kent, where water well sediment collection and analysis was the principal motivating factor for the investigation.

And whereas the All-Hazard Investigation instead analyzed only water (not sediment) from the participating wells.

And whereas the results from a more recent analytical testing of sediment from nine private wells in North Kent, that was funded by private donations, showed concentrations similar to concentrations known to exist in the metals' rich Kettle Point Black Shale, which are potentially toxic and dangerous heavy metals.

And whereas the need to complete the full analytical testing, including the testing of sediment in the water wells in North Kent, has become ever more evident.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent formally request and strongly encourage the Ontario Ministry of Health to proceed with completion of specific health hazard testing that remains incomplete following the All-Hazard Investigation as stated in the report by the expert panel that advised the investigation.

Further, to ask the Ontario Ministry of Health to proceed with sampling and analytical testing of private water wells and complete studies of bio-availability of potential toxic substances associated with the sediment in all water wells in North Kent, in the footprint area of the North Kent 1 Wind Farm, the East Lake St. Clair Wind Farm and the Boralex Wind Farm."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at <a href="mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca">ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca</a>

Sincerely,

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