

Mayor and Council
1980 Millstream Road
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To Council
April 7, 2014

Dear Mayor Mendum and Council,

RE: Tervita Third Party Review

I am writing on behalf of the Highlands Stewardship Foundation (HSF) to enquire on the status of the Tervita third party review identified in a memo from Chris Coates to council dated January 27, 2014 wherein the CAO notes, "In addition Tervita has been instructed to undertake an independent, 3rd party review of their Design and Operations Plan by March 2014."

At the council meeting March 17, 2014 the CAO reported that the requested third party review had not been received as of that date from either Tervita or the Ministry of Environment, and by April 1, 2014, the District of Highlands was still awaiting the submission of this relevant document.

The HSF is concerned given its offer to provide review comments that this document has not as yet been received by the district, particularly so as the project nears its completion date of Spring 2014. One must question the value and purpose of a truly independent third party review once the project has been completed.

The Ministry of Environment in a letter to the District of Highlands dated February 28, 2014 noted the following requirement, "Review of hydrogeologic information including retention of an independent third-party hydrogeologist to review the bedrock aquifer information, and submission of the review by March 1, 2014.

We look forward to hearing the outcome of this initiative.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,



Warren Lee
Chair
Highland Stewardship Foundation

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