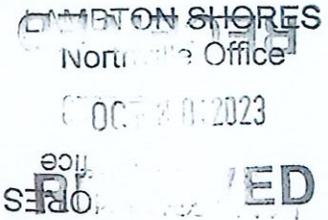




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October 30, 2023

Dear Mayor Doug Cook and Councillor Glen Baillie:



Because of our water refilling station, Huron Shores United Church is requesting consideration for our sewage and other charges during the summer months. This past year our February and May bills, when the refilling station was not operating, were \$319.00 and \$376.00, respectively, whereas our July bill, when the refilling station was operating at peak capacity, was \$1172.02. We anticipate our October bill to be equally telling.

We were glad to accommodate the Rotary Club's initiative to install, with the municipality, the water refilling station on our front yard, and we are glad to provide the potable water to support the community and to welcome tourists. However, we would appreciate your adjusting the sewage and other charges of our utility bill, in recognition of that support. Our July bill was composed of \$502.72 for water and \$669.30 for sewage and other charges; it is these latter charges for which we request consideration.

With our two-million-dollar renovation, in 2017, Huron Shores United is becoming an integral part of our community. Our Grand Bend Place hosts sold-out living arts presentations, and we now provide a venue for regularly scheduled meetings for non-profit organizations in our community like the Sunset Foundation, Rotarians, Sunset Cinema and Partners in Learning. Our front yard has an indigenous garden and a community living room. Our intention is to be a significant partner with the community.

The municipality of Lambton Shores has been an excellent partner with us throughout our re-development process. We sincerely hope you will assist us in this latest venture, as we continue to act in partnership.

If we need to talk about this further, do give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Gill". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Debra Gill  
Chair of Huron Shores United Church Council

*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us and helps make the world a better place.  
We welcome and include everyone into congregational life."*

