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**D :** 11/11/2016 5:24 PM@  
**bj c :** Harr ngton Pond@

Hello, my name@ Susan Hew tt Graham, and I am wr t ng@ regards to the Harr ngton Pond.@  
Please do not alter the dam and beaut ful surround ngs. It would ta@ a huge@hun@of Harr ngton away.@  
I spent my@h ldhood, and teenage years, and@to my twent es w th that area as my tou@ stone base.@  
Our fam ly of 8 l ved about 30 yards from the pond, so@was a b g part of l fe every day. The people@ the@  
area were not r h, but were r h n a beaut ful natural sett ng w th the dam and Pond@ the@enter of the@  
ommun ty.@  
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I am now an art st, and began@reat ng my pa nt ngs there, at the Harr ngton Pond.@  
I l ved and ra sed my@h ldren@ Ottawa, and now Dor@ester, two beaut ful areas where her tage and@  
natural beauty are honoured. I would l@e to th n@that th s w ll be susta ned@ Harr ngton too.@  
Susan Hew tt Graham@

Sent from my@ad@

Dear Rick,

I hope you are well. I am writing to add some comments to those I left at the last meeting in Harrington Hall.

At that time, it seemed that my first two preferences for the Harrington dam( do nothing or build a new one) were impossible options. So I felt that the off-line pond was the least undesirable option left. I had concerns about this option that I voiced at the meeting: namely, where was the toxic sludge going?

How could a "naturalized " setting be relatively maintenance free and not unsightly?( I have seen the end results of many "naturalization" projects, and it has been a cluster of overgrown weeds and trees, with potholed ground , not conducive to walks). Because of maintenance-free overgrowth, would the pond even be visible if not standing right by it? If, as suggested, there be a deeper immediate drop in depth to combat weeds, would this not be a concern for children, and for liability?

How could canoeing and boating still be possible with such a small pond? Would the pond be accessible if weeds prevented access ? How does non-moving water not create more mosquitoes? Will the use of pesticides be required, or will fish and wildlife take up the slack? Which brings me to the subject of fish and wildlife. After the meeting, I spoke to a biologist who was as puzzled as I over the concerns for the well-being of the native brook trout, which seems to be a motivating factor in favour of removing the dam. He felt the native trout were in no danger now. Would not the removal of the Harrington Dam give easier access to the undesirable fish from Wildwood Lake, a man-made lake? Also, would the ten private dams on Trout Creek be removed to protect the fish? Would it not be better to make our pond a better reservoir for the brook trout?

I am also concerned about the change in wildlife habitat that gathers round a pond, species that have begun to come back to this area to breed and nest. Wild swans, osprey, and bluebirds. We have had beavers and muskrats, snapping turtles and certain snakes. The disruption of their habitat is troubling.

The disruption of the earth and the water levels also concerns me. We have a dug well, as do our neighbours. All our water comes from this well. The fire department has used our large pond as the water source to put out fires. Our insurance relies on the ability of the fire department to to their job, and the reduction of our largest water source concerns me.

Last, our community has been gathering and fundraising for nearly two decades to rebuild and refurbish the mill, and ultimately, to see it running again. How is this possible without the full water power of our pond? Over three decades, we have created paths and walkways, planted trees and shrubs, all planned with our large, beautiful, serene pond as the focus point. All that work goes for naught without the focal point.

I accepted the option of off-line pond and creek because I believed the options I actually wanted were off the table. But if we can find a corporate sponsor, and fundraise over the decades to come, why could we not have a new dam, like the one in Dorchester?

Our community is not very vocal, but we DO things. I would like to think we could maintain one of the most beautiful ponds in Ontario, and certainly in the Upper Thames Conservation Area, for a few more generations to come.

Respectfully,

Seana McKenna

**Rick Golarrington Pond**

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**From:** "Rick & A0 n" [REDACTED] >  
**To:** goldt0@thames0ve0.on.c0>  
**Date:** 11/19/2016 10:10 AM  
**Subject:** H0 ifgton Pond  
**CC:** s0veha0 ifgton0ond@gm0i0com>

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Dear Mr. G5

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**D e:**       11/20/2016 8:30 LML  
**Subjec :**   HarriLgLoL poL

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Dear Sir:L

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## Rick Gol Save Harrington Pond

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**From:** mel ssa steve [REDACTED]  
**To:** "goldt@thamesriver.on.ca" <goldt@thamesriver.on.ca>  
**Date:** 11/16/2016 8:30 PM  
**Subject:** Save Harrington Pond

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Good Evening Mr Goldt,

It has come to our attention that the Harrington Pond is in danger of being removed. My family and I, although, not residents of Harrington nor anywhere nearby, frequent the pond and appreciate the natural and peaceful haven that it is. It is a special place, one that brings us to it at least monthly, and leads us to support it in anyway possible.

Understanding that the pond is in need of updating, and that the cost to the municipality is significant, the benefits of the pond must also be considered in so many other ways to offset this cost. Not only in conservation, but also culturally to local residents; historically, to all; and future costs in lost investment and local economic spillovers in tourism.

Saving to short-term gain would dissuade us from ever purchasing property in Harrington; or bringing my family to visit if the pond was ever drained down of the pond. We always stop to enjoy a meal, shop, and frequent the local area after visiting Harrington.

I sincerely hope the integrity of the pond would remain,

Thank You for your time,

Mel ssa Bouchel

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Comments:

Pleased to see that Alternative 4 (closed) provides a pond. Still prefer the vistas that a large on-line pond provides. Wonder if there isn't a hybrid of these that would work -  
in other words, a large semi-on-line or semi-off-line pond with rocky ramp.

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PHILIP KERR

(HARRINGTON)

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E-mail Address:

Please submit comments by November 3, 2016

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Comments:

SINCE DOING NOTHING IS NOT A VIABLE  
ALTERNATIVE, YOUR PREFERRED OPTION SEEMS  
TO BE THE BEST CHOICE. THOUGH I THINK  
THE ORIGINAL "STUDY" WAS JUST AN EXERCISE OF  
BUREAUCRATIC BOONDoggLE (PAYING ENGINEERS TO TELL  
YOU A 150 YEAR OLD DAM IS NOT "UP TO CODE")? I THINK  
YOUR FOLLOW UP IS EXCELLENT.

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Comments:

Wb like the IDBA of ALT. #4

- would like to know impact of work the IDBA borders on to my property. what TRAILS would stay or go. 2 TREES R. ETC.

- I am concerned about STAGNANT WATER in the Pond. - Smells, Bubs. ETC.

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Comments:

Of course, my preference is to preserve the pond: its serenity, its sanctuary for water birds, that require a large body of water; its beauty - and its history. I would have preferred to do nothing or replace the existing dam. We have dug wells, and are close to the pond. I have seen fire-fighters use the pond water. I think you have done extraordinary research, and I am glad that some kind of pond is preferred. The larger the better.

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- Comments:**
- still not convinced the dam needs to be replaced.
  - still not convinced that the probability tests showing potential failure of the dam take into consideration all the variables that exist.
  - I do appreciate that the proposed plan shows consideration for a water route to the mill
  - I have concerns that the off-line pond will be a stagnant body of water (mosquito haven) in spite of the plan to have access of water from the stream
  - I have grave concerns where the dollars to pay for this plan will come from

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Please see attached comments

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## Comments continued...

- I have grave concerns that although this is a plan that is presented, outlined, and explained, we as a community have NO guaranteed it will be completed as planned. We all know plans can change and we could be left with a VERY unsatisfactory situation!
- We NOW HAVE an established natural setting with birds, wildlife, and many regular visitors. Visitors that come to fish, but also many visitors who enjoy walking the trail around the pond and appreciating this "established setting." These visitors are from the local community and surrounding areas. I live in the community and often meet people who come to enjoy the setting and comment on how far generations they have visited the mill pond. The proposed plan would change and uproot what is there now. It would take a long time to re-establish natural habitat.
- I want to emphasize again the historical value of the mill pond and the intricate and significant part it is in this community.
- I find it unsettling that many dollars can be spent on buildings, development, vehicles etc. AND yet here, where we have a historical and natural established

environment  $\Rightarrow$  we can't justify spending the money to preserve and restore it.

I find it also unsettling that in a democratic society where we have had an opportunity to vote and voice our opinion on the future of the millpond and the dam, the majority of people voted to replace / restore / repair the dam and keep the millpond and yet  
... This is the proposed plan ???

Faney Skillings

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Comments: THE OFFLINE POND IDEA IS A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR THE FULL POND THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS. IT THREATENS TO DIMINISH THE QUALITY OF COMMUNITY LIFE & DESTROY HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE & VALUE. TRANSMUTING THE CORE OF THE PHYSICAL VILLAGE HAS MANY KNACK-ON EFFECTS, THAT WE CAN ONLY GUESS AT. - NONE OF THEM SEEM POSITIVE OR PROMISING. THEY POINT TO A DECAY & EROSION OF A STRONG COMMUNITY LIFE.

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I OPPOSE THIS ALTERNATIVE.  
I SUPPORT KEEPING THE EXISTING POND STRUCTURE.

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