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Pinnacle Ridge Water Features Levy

Dear Mayor and Council

As one of the original Pinnacle Ridge residents who walked the neighborhood gathering signatures in support of keeping the 2 water features in the neighborhood I am writing you today and I am still in support of the levy.

We originally wanted to keep the features to enhance the neighbourhood for the residents. Some of our reasons were:

- nice spot for family or wedding photos
- the moving water keeps mosquito habitat under control
- the sound of the water is soothing and helps to drown out some of the highway 40 noise
- esthetically pleasing

The original pond fountain was much bigger and the water shot up higher and it was quite a bit louder as the water cascaded back to the surface of the pond. It also had lights. The water features were one of the reasons that we chose our property in Pinnacle many years ago.

When the fountain needed to be replaced it was with one which is much smaller, and it does not quite have the same impact as the larger one.

As I am writing this letter, I seem to recall that we met with the finance department back when my husband Randy was president of the Pinnacle Neighbourhood Association to discuss the levy and the costs and the contingency fund for replacement of the water features as they age.

At that time, we were informed that the 2 water features were not the only items drawing electricity from the meter. I do not know if the finance department was able to break down what the actual cost of electricity for just the fountain and the water fall at the entrance to Pinnacle.

I imagine that there is a healthy contingency fund available for the next replacement of the pond water feature.

Would it be possible to discuss a larger fountain when it is time to replace the existing one. I think the existing one is now about 8 years old.

In closing I would like to advise you of our total support for the levy.

Kind regards

Jane and Randy Friesen