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Good Morning Mayor Alanna Hnatiw & Councillors,

I believe you are all aware of the recent changes to the water supply to Namao Hamlet and the Crozier farming operations, specifically Cheslen Dairies and Crozier Dairies. Prior to April 22nd, 2021, water to the referenced parties was supplied directly from the Canadian Forces Base Edmonton [CFB] at its' wholesale cost directly from Epcor at approximately \$1.01 per cubic meter, with no additional charges. Since April 22nd, Sturgeon County has been supplying our water at its commercial rate of approximately \$3.50 per cubic meter.

Although we have not yet received our first water bill from Sturgeon County, it is becoming apparent that the water cost is prohibitive for our dairy herd. For this reason, we started the process of contacting a water well contractor to possibly drill two wells for our dairy herd. Based on our proximity to the Garrison and the concerns with PFAS contaminants on military bases across Canada and the United States, we are extremely concerned about the potential for contaminated water in any wells that we may drill. In 2019, a large dairy operation situated close to a US Military base in New Mexico, was completely shut down and all animals had to be destroyed due to these contaminants. We are very concerned that we could find ourselves in a similar situation, if our herd is subjected to contaminated well water.

Within the last week, we became aware of the fact that CFB has recently ceased farming operations on two locations of its' leased land on the Garrison, due to contaminants found in the soil. One parcel of this leased land has been farmed by Crozier Dairies for many years.

Based on the uncertainty of an affordable alternate water source [i.e well water], we respectfully request Sturgeon County's support in supplying water at a significantly reduced price until such time as we can definitively determine that water wells drilled on our farm will be free of contaminants and safe for our animals. For the past week, we have been working with Jeff Yanew, CFB's Major Josh VanTine and federal staff in Ottawa to assist with our concerns with water contamination as a result of military activity at the Garrison.

Your consideration and understanding is sincerely appreciated.

Lenard Crozier  
Cheslen Dairies

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