

**First Name \***

JULIUS

**Last Name \***

LANGPETER

**Date of meeting you wish to attend \***June 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

6:00PM

**Will you be attending in-person or virtually? \***

- ☒ In-Person  
☐ Virtually

**Are you representing a group? \***

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

Friends of Cedar Creek

**Provide details on the issue(s) you wish to present to Council and any actions you will be asking Council to take. \***

Request 1: Sewage lagoons are way past their Time. Harrow does require a modern sewage treatment plant. If this is not in the town plan - all new home and industrial construction needs to be charged until monies are raised for a treatment plant. Cedar Creek is not a open sewer fed with raw sewage via Richmond headwaters.

**Is this item on the agenda? \***

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ I don't know

**Have you consulted with Administration on this issue? \***

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

**Have you consulted with a Member of Council on this issue? \***

☒ Yes *many years ago. JL*

☐ No

**If you've consulted with Administration or Council, please provide the names of the individuals you've talked to and the details of those discussions.**

**If this is a property matter, are you an owner?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not applicable

*I live on the 3rd Concession right on Cedar Creek 40m behind my home.*

**Have you appeared before Council in the past regarding this issue? \***

☒ Yes

☐ No

## Presentation Materials

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**Will you have presentation materials? Any materials must be provided to the Clerk with this delegation request for review, approval, and circulation to Council and Administration. Materials will be made public. \***

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Your Address or Group Contact Address (full mailing address including postal code) \****Julius Langpeter***Your Phone Numbers****Home**

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**Email Address \*Required if joining virtually.****Name and address of all representatives attending, including their positions \****Julius Langpeter*

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# Township man fears sewage killing creek

Story and photo by Cindy Kavanaugh  
Star County Reporter

HARROW — The green water trickling through Cedar Creek just doesn't seem right to Julius Langpeter.

The 49-year-old Colchester South Township man fears the water draining through the creek from nearby sewage lagoons is harming wildlife and aquatic organisms living in and near the creek, which weaves through his 2.4-hectare property on Con. 3.

Twice a year, the "total retention lagoons" are allowed to discharge any sewage that has been collected and retained in cells, said Jerry Pillon, a supervisor with the Ministry of the Environment. As the sewage flows, the solids settle to the bottom of the lagoon and natural biodegradation of the sludge occurs, breaking down the sewage until the water is clear.

Drainage water is tested before the ministry will allow it to be discharged to the Richmond Drain and eventually Cedar Creek to Lake Erie.

The water is "aerobic in nature," which means it doesn't give off a foul odor, Pillon said.

But, Langpeter said, the water in Cedar Creek smells like a sewer each time the drainage water is pumped.

When it was pumped in the fall, the odor and green color remained.

"YOU CAN SMELL IT," Langpeter said. "This is Cedar Creek, this is not a drain."

Pillon said the creek is "a natural drainage course."

But he also said the sewage lagoon is an old idea, first designed about 20 years ago.

"New municipalities don't consider straight lagoons," he said. "They use an activated sludge treatment."

## Colchester South

Langpeter is concerned because the ministry admitted the creek water is not tested.

"It's just not natural," Langpeter said of the lagoons.

He's also concerned that the creek still hasn't recovered from chemical runoff that made its way into the Richmond Drain-Cedar Creek system after the Harrow Farmers' Co-operative fire on July 23, 1990.

IN OCTOBER, TESTS by the Ministry of the Environment showed the insecticide Endosulfan was still lingering in the sediment of drains flowing to Cedar Creek, which winds through Colchester South and Gosfield South townships.

Runoff from the chemical fire scene was blamed for killing more than 1,000 fish in the drain system later that summer.

Langpeter visited the area with his 12-year-old son Mike recently.

"We saw a measly carp, I haven't seen a single crayfish, there are fewer raccoons digging around here ... Nobody seems to really care."

Langpeter believes the waterway and area surrounding it is worth protecting because of its uniqueness.

"It's unique for Essex County, and if nobody looks after it ... there'll be nothing left."

"This green water here just doesn't seem to go away — it just doesn't go away."

A recent Ministry of Natural Resources study revealed the area has rare plants found nowhere else in Canada, making it one of the province's richest natural areas. The study also showed the area is home to rare animals.



JULIUS LANGPETER stands next to Cedar Creek, which runs behind his Colchester South Township home



