

Severn correspondence

Original request and responses | MFIPPA 2025-07

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OUR REQUEST IS ON THE RECORD. We asked for records about private-landowner impacts, notification and compensation. Read the original request beside Severn's responses and judge whether those questions have been answered.

What this file contains

John Tait's 26 July 2025 request, Severn's acknowledgment, the December covering email and fee-letter excerpts, the February closure email, and the October reply. The correspondence records the effort to obtain information for affected landowners and Severn's documented responses.

Reading guide

Pages 2–3: the original request, including the request for a fee waiver.

Page 4: acknowledgment, fee correspondence and file closure.

Page 5: October reply, findings and source notes.

Landowners need records of potential losses within easy reach. We already fund public research through our taxes. Please show us what it says about the costs to private owners. Thank you.

About the public copy

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The complete email files remain the source record. This PDF contains selected correspondence and identified excerpts; it is not a certified exhibit or the complete administrative file. Findings are dated commentary and may be revised as further evidence arrives.

Correspondence and corrections: info.watersheddebacle@gmail.com

26 July 2025 | Original request

From: John T <info.watersheddebacle@gmail.com> | To: Alison Gray <agray@severn.ca> | 26 July 2025, 2:26:31 p.m. EDT | Subject: MFIPPA COORDINATOR

Alison please direct this to our FOIA /MFIPPA officer and advise us of who that may be along with other affected personnel. Thank you.

ACCESS TO RECORDS MFIPPA July25/2025

John Tait

[Home address and telephone number omitted from this public copy.]

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Date: 7/26/2025

Freedom of Information Coordinator

Corporation of the Township of Severn

1024 Hurlwood Lane

Severn, ON L3V 0Y6

Re: Request for Access to Records under the MFIPPA – Supporting Class Action & Property Encumbrance Inquiry.

Dear FOI Coordinator,

Pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), I hereby request access to the following records in relation to watershed encumbrances, Greenland zoning designations, and administrative actions affecting private land in the Township of Severn.

Requested Records: All communications, reports, memos, emails, maps, and internal correspondence (including attachments) between the Planning Department, Council, CAO, and any conservation authority regarding the justification for: Greenland zoning, watershed overlays, environmental encumbrances, or protected areas designated on private lands; all documents in Severn township involving development proposals on designated Greenland zones

from January 1, 2018 to this date.

Any by-laws, council resolutions, planning reports, or studies authorizing or implementing watershed zoning or Greenland overlays on private lands, including any rationale, scientific data, or third-party assessments and the authors of such.

Any complaints, appeals, or correspondence from landowners regarding such designations or zoning restrictions, and the municipal response thereto.

All records of discussions or legal advice sought or received (excluding redacted solicitor-client content if applicable) pertaining to the legal implications, compensation concerns, or expropriation risk assessments involved in any of these encumbrances.

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Any records, forms, or policy documents used to notify property owners of zoning designations or to consult them in advance of this encumbrance and the mailing addresses of all the affected landowners in Severn.

All documents pertaining to tree harvesting inquiries denied due to Greenland encumbrances.

Records relating to assessments of property value impacts, tax adjustments, or compensation schemes resulting from the application of Greenland or watershed zoning on private lands.

A map or PIN numbers of all Greenland affected private properties in Severn.

All communications with the following bureaucratic individuals and their ministries, regarding retraction of the watershed/wetland encumbrances on private properties and their affiliation with third party unelected self-described legislators; and their positions on this encumbrance. Any documents indicating who these unelected legislators are.

NOTE: The following list was supplied by Secretary Alison Gray and Mayor Mike Burkett following a meeting at the Severn offices. In their favor, we were assured by both that they had dealt with them over this Watershed debacle. We supplied council with Kicklei.ca simple protocols to remove Severn from intrusive legislation destroying all greenland by rendering it useless without compensation.

Under tort law any damage done to a property owner requires compensation. Common Law.

NOTE: Council may choose to sue the following for placing the mayor, councilors and administrative staff of council and planning in a precarious position according to the Supreme Court findings.

Hon. Rob Flack Minister minister.mah@ontario.ca Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

Martha Greenberg Deputy Minister Municipal affairs and housing martha.greenberg@ontario.ca

David McLean Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Policy & Planning Division
David.McLean@ontario.

Anna MacDonald Director, Provincial Land Use Branch (mapping) anna.macdonald@ontario.ca

Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North jill.dunlop@pc.ola.org

Doug Ford, Premier, doug.ford@pc.ola.org or premier@ontario.ca

Format & Delivery: Please provide the records in electronic format (PDF) where possible and send via email to: Info.Watersheddebacle@gmail.com

Fee Waiver Request: As these records are intended to be used in support of multiple affected landowners and potential class litigation involving public interest and accountability, I respectfully request consideration of a fee waiver under Section 45 of MFIPPA. If any portion of the records must be withheld or redacted under MFIPPA exemptions, please provide a full index of records and reasons as per Section 29 of MFIPPA

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely

John Tait John Tait Please send to Friends www.watersheddebacle.ca

Severn's acknowledgment and fee correspondence

19 September 2025 — acknowledgment

From: Alison Gray | To: John Tait, inquiry mailbox | 19 September 2025, 10:20:01 a.m. EDT | Subject: Receipt of MFIPPA Request 2025-07

Good morning,

Please see the attached correspondence. If the scope of records requested is different than that listed, please advise.

Thank you,

Alison

23 December 2025 — covering email

From: Alison Gray | To: John Tait, inquiry mailbox | 4:00 p.m. | Subject: MFIPPA Request 2025-07

Good Day,

Please see the attached correspondence and index of records regarding your MFIPPA Request No. 2025-07.

Thank you,

Alison

Decision-and-fee letter — excerpts

23 December 2025 | Page 4 of the six-page letter | \$870 total processing fee

The records will be prepared and made available to you upon receipt of the above-noted fee. Please note, if we do not receive your fee payment within 30 days of the date on this letter, we will consider your request abandoned and close the file.

The Act provides that all or part of the fee can be waived if in our opinion it is fair and equitable to do so. You may be required to provide proof to support any waiver claims.

The cover email is preserved as quoted history in the February email. The fee letter was recovered from the October resend; it has not been byte-compared with the original December attachment.

6 February 2026 — file closure

From: Alison Gray | To: John Tait, inquiry mailbox | 9:38:37 a.m. EST | Subject: RE: MFIPPA Request 2025-07 - File Closed/Abandoned

Good Morning Mr. Tait,

Further to my December 23rd correspondence, as we have not received payment within 30 day of the Notice of Decision we are considering your MFIPPA Request 2025-07 to be abandoned and are closing our file.

Have a good day.

Thank you,

Alison

14 October 2026 | Severn's reply

From: Alison Gray, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk | To: John Tait | 2:48:37 p.m. EDT | Subject: Re: Julie Cayley and SSEA — YES/NO response and MFIPPA request on private-landowner losses

Good Afternoon Mr. Tait,

The bulk of records you are searching for from the Township, we processed as part of your 2025 MFIPPA Request. As a result of that request, were we referred various portion of it to other agencies, it is my understanding that you were provided with various items from the County of Simcoe. Further, part of your 2025 request you received responses from the Province of Ontario and MPAC.

Please note that IGAP was a Provincial exercise, and as such we recommend that you contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing. Similarly all quarries within Ontario are regulated and monitored by the Province, so they may be the best resource for you.

Further, you have never picked up your 2025-07 MFIPPA request. For your reference we have attached the Notice of Decision and Index of Records should you wish to pick up the listed records.

Have a great day.

Thank you,

Alison

Findings | 15 October 2026

The original request expressly sought records of private-land impacts, notification and compensation, and asked for a fee waiver. The December letter states that records would be made available after payment. The February email records closure for nonpayment. John reports that he did not pay the \$870.

The reproduced correspondence does not itself identify which records answer the parcel-impact and compensation questions, or provide a decision expressly addressing the July waiver request. It does not establish deliberate concealment or that no responsive records exist.

Gray's statements about other agencies are reproduced as her account. This file does not verify what those agencies supplied. The October invitation does not by itself establish that the fee was waived or the file reopened.

Source record

July, September and February: saved email files E01, E02 and E03, also preserved in the EVI email train. December: quoted cover email and page 4 of the reattached decision letter. October: the saved, previously verified public correspondence. The original email wording, including grammatical errors, is retained subject to the public-copy omissions described on page 1.

Full analysis: watersheddebacle.ca/post/we-pay-alison-gray-870-fee-severn-landowner-records