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Corporate Services Dept.
Haldimand County

Attention: Evelyn Eichenbaum - Clerk

Re: PLANNING APPLICATION: PLZ-HA-2021-213
APPLICANT: Nathan and Brenda Chang
AFFECTING: Stated Area of Notice Currently Dated 26 April 2022
ROLL NUMBER: 2810.156.990.01000.0000

Evelyn Eichenbaum,

We are the owners of the property that you call Property 87. We purchased the property from the original owners the Montfortans who had the house built in 1976/1977. We purchased and moved into the house in the mid 1980's some time after my first heart attack.

It was a nice property that suited our needs. I noticed upon arrival that our Hydro service entered our house via a utility pole just North of our property which came from a utility pole near the Highway. There were other utility poles just North of our property as well that led to a pole that supported a transformer that eventually fed electricity to the property you call Property 3.

I had naturally assumed that this was a "hydro right-of-way" until the Wawrzyniaks, the owners of Property 1, told us that some of the poles were actually on their property and that it was not a "hydro right-of-way". Hard to believe, but true. And Stan said that they were to be removed after they moved in, but that they still did not do it. The High-Tension line was also obvious especially when it caused a considerable fire among the trees one day. That is hard to forget when it is so close to your home. I had no idea what the voltage of the High-Tension line was other than what it was.

Our 240 volt service came off a pole which was less than 25 feet from our house and about 50 feet of line in total to where it entered our house.

The pole that supported the transformer was some distance from our house. I was aware that it was just by the pond. I was more aware of its actual location especially in the winter when I enjoyed ice-skating on the pond. Today, I could no longer tell you where it was located, only that it was near the pond.

When we moved in the water and gas lines that run adjacent and North of our property were already installed.

I remember when Haldimand Hydro was going to remove the transformer and utility poles because Stan Wawrzyniak asked me if I would allow Haldimand Hydro to use our property to access the items because it would be much easier for them to enter their property for removal, and, I said that would be O.K.

It was also about this time that I was approached by Hydro as to how to change the incoming electrical service. I did not like their original ideas and they eventually agreed to go underground under our garage. We were not present when they actually ran the service line, but we did return when they finished the hook-up. That was not that long ago, it was about 8 years ago. I would have to look that up, and it was just afterwards that they came to remove the poles, transformer, and wires.

We were not present when the first original transformer exploded, that was just before our time. We were present when the other transformer that leaked PCBs was replaced. But, we were away again and did not witness the actual removal when it was done, or when the final transformer was removed.

I hope that this has been of some assistance. This is what we can recall now. If given some more time, I am certain we can remember other things when they come to mind.

I also should have stated that I was employed at Stelco for many years and as an electrician, and, can assure you that I have knowledge about such things. Although the electrical necessities of a steel plant is considerably different, the basics remain the same.

Thank you for your time and interest.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Pankhurst', written in a cursive style.

Mr. David Pankhurst

