

To Barriere Town Council,

My name is Jarek Kotlewski and I'm writing to you in response to the recent decision by the council to begin implementing large monthly fees for unmetered houses in Barriere. According to the council, everyone that is served by the District of Barriere water system is required to have a meter installed or be forced to pay a flat rate fee of \$300 per month.

While I respect that the council is trying to moderate and monitor water usage in Barriere, I am asking you to appeal this decision based on my own experience with the water meters that are being implemented in town. I own a rental property in Barriere, located at 4460 Town Road. It is an old structure and was built in the early 1940s. I consented to have a water meter installed at this property two years ago, and this meter quickly became an ongoing problem. The meter frequently froze and despite my several attempts to reinforce the meter to prevent freezing, the problem was ongoing.

I contacted a staff member at the Barriere District Office about this issue when it occurred, and they were unable to rectify the problem. I was advised to apply heat tape to the meter, which I had already tried with no improvement. There was not a suitable insulated location on this property where I would be able to move the meter and so I elected to have the meter removed from the property altogether. It was after the removal of the meter that I learned that I could be subject to charges of \$300 per month because I do not have a meter on my property.

This rental property is a small structure — it has a very small yard that doesn't require maintenance or excess water usage. There

is only one tenant living in the house so the amount of water being used is minimal. I believe that the charges being proposed by the council are absolutely excessive, especially in cases like mine where having a water meter is simply not feasible. I ask the council to reconsider their decision to impose these charges, and take properties like mine into consideration when they make their decision.

Thank you,
Jarek Kotlewski

