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Mayor and Council,

Thank you for reconsidering resolution 18-319 regarding a refund of a minor variance application for our property on Fox Run. It is our opinion that the funds should be refunded based on the following facts. We submitted a draft application for early consultation and it took 2-3 weeks for staff to review. They advised us to go ahead and submit the formal application along with the fee. When the town's planning consultant reviewed the application, he suggested that a minor variance was not required. He followed up in writing. We withdrew the application and requested a refund which then went to council and was denied.

The following are some points to be considered:

1. Town staff reviewed the minor variance application for early consultation and directed us to submit an application with the fee.
2. The town's planning consultant should be involved in early consultation. The planning act requires this and it is a chance to see if the proposal meets the planning act criteria, provincial policy statement, OP and zoning etc. or requires modification.
3. Had early consultation taken place with the town's planner it would have been determined that a minor variance was not required and we would not have had to pay the fee.
4. The town did not have to give public notice, prepare draft decisions, convene the committee of adjustment, hold a hearing or give notice of decision.
5. The town's planning consultant has spent time on other files that did not proceed to an application and the applicant was not charged a fee and did not pay for the consultant's time.

I have attached a copy of the towns planning consultant's decision on the minor variance.

thank you again in advance for your time and consideration on this issue.

Phil and Kim Jones