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## ‘Lowering the bar’

**Letters to the Editor** (<https://www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/author/letters/>) | August 11, 2021 @ 2:48 pm

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Dear Editor:

RE: *Group tries to address wastewater plant concerns*, Aug. 5.

It’s difficult to become even more disheartened with Erin Mayor Alls and his council over the wastewater treatment plant, but every so often he manages to

lower the bar even further.

This latest approach by the Coalition for the West Credit River was well thought out with one goal in mind: to collaboratively save the trout, hence the river, whilst providing waste water treatment facilities to a growing town. Why are they doing this? They give a damn!

Despite all the preaching by Alls and the Town of Erin (ie. “the best waste treatment technology money can buy”), they refuse to put their “money where there mouth is” and guarantee this best technology will prevent any disastrous effects on a pristine, “blue-ribbon trout stream.”

Furthermore, I’m concerned with Alls’ comment “we’re honouring what the provincial government told us we had to go through in our EA”. He goes on to say “We can’t go outside of that; that’s a guideline that we have to honour.” Honour what? If the guidelines aren’t sufficient we can’t question those guidelines? True leadership, i.e., those we voted in, would have no hesitation in questioning those guidelines, no matter what. It’s what a true democracy is all about.

The simple fact is we haven’t been

presented with any “guarantees,” nor has  
Alls, or anyone for that matter, ever told us  
the “brookies” will be fine. They can’t even  
agree to keep the effluent temp limit below  
the critical 19C. But he did say if the temp  
becomes a problem the town will “look  
after it.” How? For a town that is severely  
struggling to come up with the money to  
pay for this treatment facility, wouldn’t it be  
better to have all the necessary “specs”  
agreed upon and “engineered” prior to  
breaking ground?

It has been in my experience that its much  
better to do the right thing for the  
environment at the beginning than to apply  
very costly “Band-Aids” afterwards. Enviro-  
solutions can be very simple. Just observe  
what Mother Nature has done in the 4.5  
billion years of planetary evolution.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature never  
planned for humans and believe me she’s  
got her work cut out for her today.

*Brett Davis,*  
Orton

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