

To: Mayor Letham and Members of Council for the City of Kawartha Lakes

April 22, 2019

Re: Delegation to Council regarding, public property and boat launch at the south end of Chemong Lake at / or near [REDACTED] Frankhill Rd.

Kindly accept the following discussion as additional support and clarification concerning the above noted matter.

The Municipality's Official Plan policies, not only supports but, encourages the preservation of this site and others as part of the overall master parks and recreation, tourism planning for the use of their citizens and visitors to the area.

It is unfortunate that the Staff and Council appear to underplay the importance and value of this site to the local community and the site's importance as the only connection to the Kawartha Lakes chain of lakes accessed by land through the municipality and to Chemong Lake.

The site in question has served as a gathering, fishing, swimming hole for over 100 years and as a boat launch site for in excess of 45 years. This would appear to satisfy the staff requirement of historical significance.

The municipality recognizes the site as a public water access. Accordingly and to this point, clarification would be in order to outline the differences between "public water access" and an "official boat launch site"? As well, the expected differences if any, in administration of safety and liability concerns.

As stated on a number of occasions, the site has not been a financial burden to the Municipality over the years of its' existence and there is no reason to believe that this has to change. This is not a major launch site and designating it as such would have limited impact on its' use.

The request is not setting a precedent, however the site is important to the local community, hence the recommendation that the subject site fits within the Categorization C (the lowest level category) of the municipality's boat launch inventory.

If parking is a major concern, the property could be reworked to accommodate limited parking.

It is quite clear that the abutting property owner at [REDACTED] Frankhill Rd. is under the misunderstanding that the access to Frankhill Rd. from their property line over the road right-of-way to the public road is for their sole use rather than a shared right of way. This must be clarified with the owners, as well as the local OPP.

The existing situation is unacceptable, the residents of the area do not want to loose this access to the lake and accordingly the Council should stand with its' residents and protect the interests of the public to insure that the launch area remains as such and in the public domain.

In advance, I thank you for your attention to this matter and your support on behalf of concerned citizens. In addition, I would ask that you keep us informed of any council activity in this matter so that we may make delegation to council as necessary. *

Yours truly,


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