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**Subject:** Encroachment Policy CP2018-001

Dear Mayor Andy Letham and the City of Kawartha Lakes Counselors:

This correspondence in regards to the proposed dock encroachment policy CP2018-001 which requires boathouse and dock owners to lease their docks and boathouses from the City of Kawartha Lakes. My husband, Doug Burns, and myself, Joanne Hunter Burns are in disagreement with this policy. We have live year round at 9 Rose Street , Pleasant Point on Sturgeon Lake for over 40 years. My grandparents, Tony and Annie Bakogorge purchased this property back in the early 1920's and it has continually descended down through our family ever since. Throughout the years there has always been a dock in place with a crib bottom. All the time , our family has maintained the dock , the stone wall which fronts the lake and Jessie Avenue. Parks Canada gave us a permit to do repairs etc. Over the course of these years, we have never been reimbursed for the cost of the upkeep for these areas. Ask any property owner at Pleasant Point, it can be a hefty amount to keep your expanse safe and up to standard. It is extremely upsetting plus very hard to stomach being made to rent a dock that you built, paid for and maintained over the years. To have it taken away from you with no reimbursement or consideration for our individual rights is very distressing. Many of these docks were built in the 1920's and have been permitted by Parks Canada for repair .Everyone at Pleasant Point takes pride in their property thus keeping a well kept shoreline. Pleasant Point has the most well kept shoreline on this lake . Everyone here takes pride in their property, pay for out of pocket repairs and upkeep not the City of Kawartha Lakes. We should not be punished or pay for the city's need for revenue. Please review the following statements and question:

- *Why is this policy being established when many of the residents are not available to place their concerns due covid , travel restrictions and non winterized cottages to stay in during this dilemma plus no one has been directly contacted by the city( not everyone reads This Week!)*
- *You are demanding that we pay for and have City of Kawartha Lakes named on our Insurance policy. Will you also dictate the coverage amt. of the policy. What will our reimbursement from the city be to help pay for policy?*
- *Our Real-estate values will decrease . i.e. A new neighbor paid one million for █ cottage/home. Now you are going to charge █ for █ dock???*
- *As a landlord, you will now be responsible for the dock repairs. ???*
- *Will the rent increase each year after the lease is up?*

Again, thank you for your time and considerations. Please consider how you would feel if the city made you pay to use your own deck, pool or backyard. We are disheartened and frustrated that the City of Kawartha Lakes would impose this regulations on their faithful constituents.

Respectfully,

Douglas and Joanne Burns

Please add this email to the agenda March 9th in regards to the dock encroachment