

Hello Mayor Letham

I would like to ask you to address Council in regards to the closure of Bobcaygeon Beach Park, and their Rules and Regulations policy regarding early departure from the park.

On March 7 2017, we received a letter advising us that the park would be closed at the end of the 2017 season. My wife and I have been seasonal campers at Beach Park for 37 years (and actually my wife has been a seasonal camper for 47 years, originally with her parents).

Since we were given such short notice and as most camp grounds don't open until mid-May we were not able to seek out a replacement camp ground until then. Also because of flooding, many parks stayed closed until after May 15<sup>th</sup>.

To date we have paid as per our conversation with Parks and Rec before the park opened - \$250 Deposit + \$992.79 = Total \$1242.79 for 3 months. (This includes a boat dock fee.) Yet, finance is telling us now that we still owe \$296.40. Can you explain this? We paid our deposit at the end of the 2016 season and paid 3 months prior as per our conversation with CKL Park and Recs prior to the opening of 2017 Beach park season.

We notified Sharon Weir that we were able to find another camp ground and we would be leaving on June 3 2017. We understand that a portion of the seasonal amount should be paid and we feel that a fair amount would be our \$250.00 deposit. Paying **\$ 1249.79 for 3 days** of occupancy is unrealistic and totally unfair. Mr. Shanks reiterated that it is in the policy that if early departure takes place that I am responsible for ½ the season fee, however the announcement of closure of the park, actually "changes the game" in regards to the policy. We do not want to move, we are being forced to relocate to another location. How can you treat loyal long-term members of the park this way?

I know that other seasonal campers are in the same situation and some have actually only paid monthly. Fair is fair.

We have been diligent and upstanding in our financial obligations with payments for 37 years, and ask you to present this to Council for consideration and or direction.

It is very sad that our little community at the park is being broken up, as many of us were raised there and we have raised our kids there. We are asking for compassion and fairness. Thank you for your time and consideration and we anticipate an agreeable resolution.

Sincerely

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