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Mayor Andy Letham and Members of Council
City of Kawartha Lakes

PO Box 696, 26 Francis St., Lindsay, Ontario, K9V 4W9

Dear Mayor Letham and Members of Council,

Please accept this letter and the attached petition concerning the roadways within the Hamlet of Hickory Beach.

The petition concerns itself with the condition of the following roadways within the Hamlet of Hickory Beach: **Sandy Point Road and Grey Road**. Seventy individuals have provided their signatures to this petition representing the combined occupants attached to 70 residences. Their combined concerns go well beyond the condition of the road surfaces but more importantly for the safety of those utilizing these community roadways.

RESURFACING OF SANDY POINT ROAD AND GREY ROAD

Sandy Point Road (1 km. long) runs east and west between Hickory Beach Road and Grey Road and is a major access route for local residents travelling to and from Fenelon Falls via Sturgeon Point Road. Grey Road (1 km. long) runs from Sturgeon Point south to Lake Sturgeon at the entrance to the Sturgeon Point Golf Club. Both roads are used heavily in the summer by golfers going to the Sturgeon Point Golf Club, which is located at the intersection of Sandy Point Road and Grey Road. Many children during the summer ride their bicycles on Sandy Point Road and Grey Road in the morning and afternoon when travelling to and from the Sturgeon Point Sailing Club for summer sailing classes. Many families with children and canine walk/run/cycle along Sandy Point Road and Grey Road especially during the summer months. The condition of the road surface (black-top) has deteriorated so badly that motorists are continuously swerving from one side of the road to the other to avoid the potholes. Even though the City has attempted with the best of intent to maintain the road by cold and hot patching the surface continues to noticeably deteriorate. The speed on Sandy Point Road was reduced to 50 km/h a few years ago due to the large number of adults and children traversing this roadway on foot and bicycles.

The mixing of motorists, attempting to avoid numerous potholes, and the many pedestrians and cyclists using Sandy Point Road is a recipe for a tragic ending. The community has lost a young boy on a bicycle to a roadway fatality approximately 4 years ago at the North Bayou and Hickory Beach Road resulting in a change of the speed on Hickory Beach Road just north of this intersection.

Mayor Letham please urge council to reconsider the proposed re-surfacing of Sandy Point Road and Grey Road in 2019 and have it moved up to 2018. The significant mix of pedestrians and cyclists on this road with vehicles veering to avoid potholes has the potential for another tragic event occurring on one of our community roadways.

There are other roadways within the Hamlet of Hickory Beach requiring some form of maintenance and re-surfacing but the noted requests above are the focus of this letter and are driven by safety concerns for our residents and their children.

Warm regards,

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