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

**Re:** Frankhill Rd public water access property at/or near 782 Frankhill Rd and ongoing litter problem at that location in the hopes that the Council with the support of Staff can find a solution to this problem.

**History / Background:** My name is Glynnis Fitzpatrick, I reside at [REDACTED], the property was purchased by my family in 1963.

This site has been a part of the local community for over 70 years including a gathering, swimming and fishing spot. As well, since the rebuilding of the road in the early 70's, a boat launch site for the local community and water supply for the fire dept. as needed during emergencies.

In 2018 or so, the site was the subject of discussion by Council when an adjacent proper owner (new to the area) threatened use of the property as public access. At that time the local community expressed concern and a deputation was made to Council with a petition of over 100 signatures asking that the public nature and access to the site be maintained.

It can be noted that the Municipality's Official Plan, not only supports, but encourages the preservation of the site for the use of its citizens.

In addition to the site's interest as an access point for the public as discussed above, it also serves as an excellent opportunity to observe wildlife such as beaver, waterfowl and their offspring including ducks, geese, swans, herons and most notably loons. Loons regularly nest at this end of Chemong Lake every year. Osprey are also common in this area.

**The Problem:** On Oct. 23, 2023 I walked down to the site to enjoy the amenities that it offers and was appalled and dismayed at the amount of litter strewn around the site and on both sides (ie. the smaller lake and Chemong lake). Find attached photos of my observations. I returned a few days later with garbage bags, gloves and a rake and attempted to clean the site. The majority of the litter appeared to be left by persons fishing (ie. fishing line, plastic bags, gutted fish remains, styrofoam worm containers, coffee cups, sandwich bags etc.).

I left some of the bags I collected at the site and advised the Municipality which they picked up in a timely manner. The remainder I took home sorted the recyclables and took the remainder to the landfill at my expense.

It appears to me there is an ongoing total lack of respect to the property and the environment shown by persons using the site and that has prompted me to try and be part of the solution toward improvement of the site.

It can be noted that in speaking with a neighbour that lives close to the site, I was advised that they witnessed people that were fishing, walk to the edge of their property and defecate on their lawn in broad daylight. This is just one example of the total lack of regard that is shown by people who use the site.

### **Suggested Solutions:**

**1** The site appears to be categorized as public water access. If the property was reclassified as level B or C boat launch, garbage cans and weekly garbage collection could be provide to the site. The deputation mentioned earlier under History/Background supported a redesignation of the site. Unfortunately this was not supported by Council or Staff at that time.

**2** Fishing “prohibited” at the site.

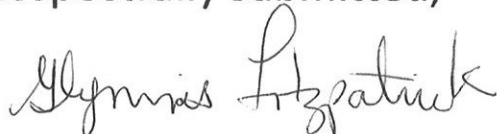
**3** The Municipality include the site in the “adopt a road” program. I would be happy to be a volunteer.

4 Make an exception and allow for a garbage container and weekly garbage collection at the site. I'm sure this is not the only site experiencing this problem.

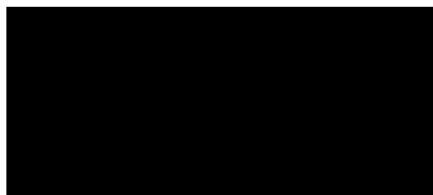
**Summary:** I am hopeful Council will give consideration to the ongoing concerns with regard to the site and find a solution which is reasonable and beneficial to the local community.

In advance I thank Council for their time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



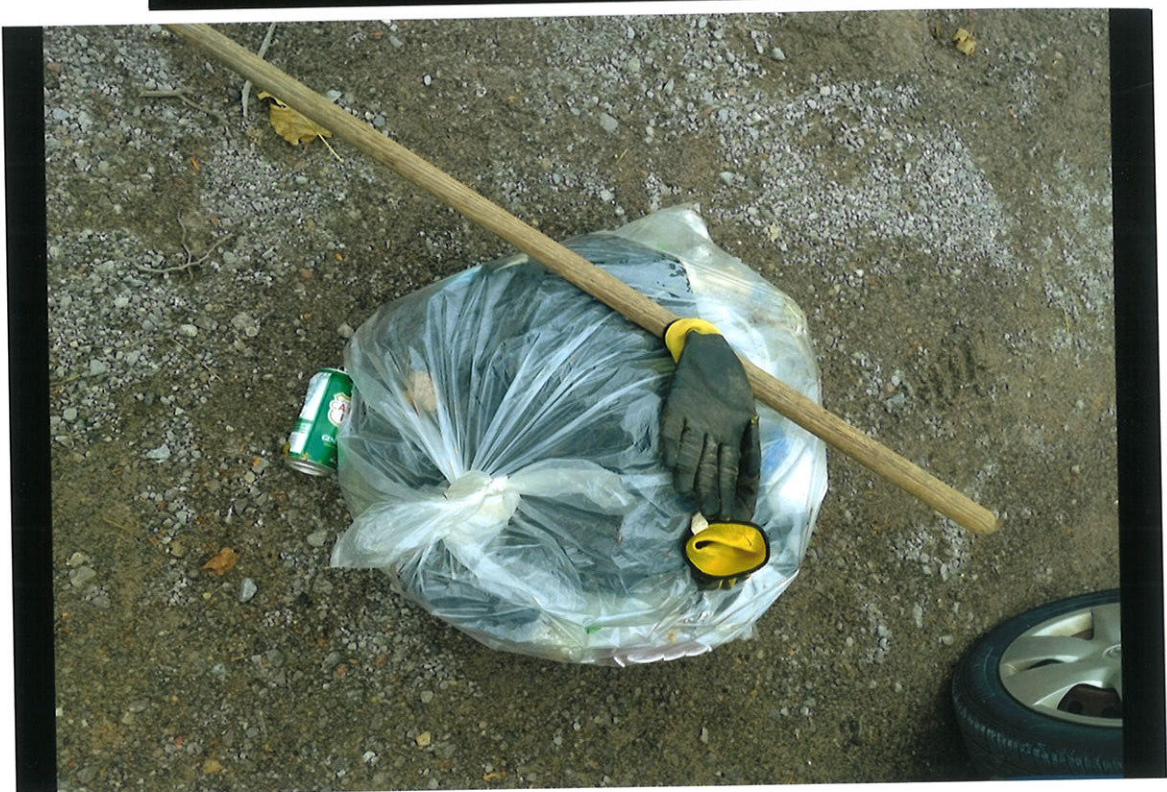
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