

From: Tom Donovan [REDACTED]
Sent: December 2, 2009 10:35 AM
To: Carrie Sykes
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Norway Point

To : The Mayor, Lake of Bays Township,

Dear Mayor,

My name is Thomas (Tom) Donovan. My wife Joanne Read (Jody) and I own a water-access property abutting Bigwin Island, which we purchased and have enjoyed since 1987.

We would like to put on record our complete and total support for the proposals being put forward by the "The Islander's Group".

We would also like to put on record our personal experience. During the 15 month period from May 1986 and Aug 1987 which it took to close on our purchase, due to legalities, we happened upon the docks then being constructed at Norway Point. We immediately phoned the Township office regarding their function, and was in short order informed by the then chief building official that "they are being constructed for the use of private property owners on Bigwin Island--not the condo owners, who have their own facilities".

We then expressed an interest in renting a dock. His reply was that there was no charge, space was on a first come, first-served basis, with no reserved spots, and if the need arose, they would expanded as necessary.

The docks/parking at Norway Point park have been in use by said property owners for over twenty years. More than one attempt has been made to formalize their usage, but none of these attempts have succeeded.

NOW, the increased usage and congestion of this facility has once again brought the issue to the forefront. Hopefully, it can be resolved this time.....

It is not question of cost (nothing in life is free!), nor wanting 'exclusive' use. As taxpayers, we simply wish to access our properties, and continue contributing to the tax base of our Township, for all to enjoy.

Once again, we fully support the proposal being put forward by "The Islander's Group".

Sincerely, Tom Donovan and Joanne Read