

December 1, 2009

Mayor Janet Peake  
Township of Lake of Bays  
1012 Dwight Beach Road  
Dwight, Ontario

c/o Carrie Sykes, Deputy Clerk.

Subject: Parking and Docking at Norway Point

Dear Mayor:

I am writing to support the proposal submitted by our Islanders Group for review at the December 8 Council meeting. I attended the previous Council meeting and appreciate your recommendation to accept the staff report dated October 13, 2009 Proposed Norway Point Park Improvements and establish a Task Force to review viable alternatives. Unfortunately this Task Force was rendered ineffective by local community opposition and alternative action is required.

Given the history of Norway Point as an access point for islanders, I think our proposal fairly addresses any rational public concerns. However, we are flexible in our position and willing to work with the Township. To me, our proposal is a clarification and formalization of the current use with improvements to better meet the needs of all users. Clarifying the history to local taxpayers and reaffirming the purpose of Norway Point as a multi-use facility should help Council deal with local opposition. Hopefully it will also stop the vandalism before it escalates.

At the last Council meeting, it was suggested that the islanders should use local marinas. Even if there was the capacity, the distant location of most marinas is simply not practical from a boating safety perspective and doesn't guarantee future access. At best, this is only a temporary situation until the next Marina closes. We need a longer term solution as suggested in our proposal that guarantees access to our property.

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal

Dave Meston  


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