

September 30, 2009

The Hon. Donna Cansfield, MPP  
 Minister of Natural Resources  
 6630 - 99 Wellesley Street  
 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Whitney Block  
 Toronto, ON M7A 1W3

**Reference: Endangerment of Public Safety – Intentional Feeding of Black Bears**

Dear Minister Cansfield,

The Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (Ontario) Inc. is in receipt of a copy of Resolution 10(b)(i)/09/08/09 passed by the Township of the Lake of Bays on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 regarding the intentional feeding of black bears within their municipality endangering the health and safety of ratepayers and visitors.

Please be advised that the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (Ontario) Inc. supports the position of the Township of Lake of Bays and passed the following resolution at its meeting of September 12, 2009:

"That the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Association of Ontario supports the Township of Lake of Bays Resolution dated September 8, 2009 regarding development of Provincial Legislation to prohibit the intentional feeding of bears ..."

We respectfully request that you consider appropriate legislative amendments to establish regulations to prohibit the intentional feeding of black bears, with the exception of hunt camps during authorized bear hunting seasons.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours truly,



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