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To: The Mayor and Council of the Township of Lake of Bays

As marina owners, we were shocked by the request of some island residents for the Township of Lake of Bays to provide them with docks and parking at Norway Point with no mention of the cost involved or offer of payment. If the municipality provides free docking and parking, we are, in effect, paying property taxes to a Corporation that is in direct competition with us by giving away free docks.

Norway Point is a beautiful property owned by the taxpayers of the Township of Lake of Bays. The land used for the parking lot and docking is worth in excess of \$500,000. Add to that the cost of building and maintaining the docks, the cost of a water lot lease and the cost of property taxes and the docks are extremely costly and should rent out for \$2,000. to \$3,000. per season, each.

We know it is cost prohibitive for private enterprise to develop new docking facilities and, in deed; the waterfront development permit system strictly regulates the number of docks that a marina of any size can develop. In the future, the local government may have to build docks on publicly owned land on our waterways but they must charge competitive fees for the use of parking and docking. Also, such public facilities must be made available to all the residents of the Municipality not just a chosen few or they must be "short stay" only.

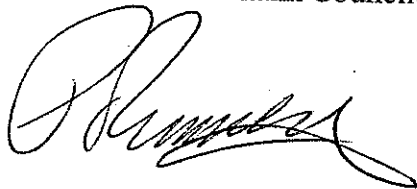
Information on how other Municipalities have managed this situation can be obtained from the Ontario Marine Operators Association (OMOA). Many of their members are publicly owned marinas. Their contact information: phone (705) 549-1667; e-mail: omoa@marinesontario.com

Our marina rents docks to sixteen (16) island residents. How many of these are represented by the Lake of Bays Island Residents Association? Why should this special interest group be given preferential treatment? We understand that their position is they have no alternative. We also understand that the Bigwin Island Golf Club has offered them parking for a fee but it seems they are looking for a free ride.

How long can we stay in business if the Township gives free docks? Why should our customers pay for what they can get for nothing from the Township? All the taxpayers are paying for these facilities not just the island residents who have claimed them for their own. We could use some free docks, too. Perhaps we could take over the public docks next to our property.

In closing, we would like to thank Councilor Ben Boivin for calling us to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,



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Port Cunnington Marina

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