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✓ Mayor Janet Peake and
✓ Members of Council
Township of Lake of Bays
1012 Dwight Beach Rd.,
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Dear Mayor Peake and Members of Council:

I am writing to you on a matter of importance to me and the citizens of Baysville and the surrounding area.

I have learned that the Baysville Horticultural Society is losing its' control over the planning and planting of trees and other facets of care in the Gristmill and Memorial Parks As a past president and Life Member of this Society, I want to voice my very strong opinion that this is a grave mistake.

The Baysville Parks were originally given to the Township to be used for and by the citizens of Lake of Bays, under the planning, planting and protection of the Baysville Horticultural Society. Over the almost fifty years that these members have given of their time to raise funds, plan improvements and carry out the day to day care of these works, they have come together as residents of Baysville and many miles around, in ways that made a caring community for all to enjoy.

These people today, and all the many who have gone before them, have taken great pride in their work and many of the members were and are – trained horticulturists. The visitors – summer residents – other Horticultural Societies – have been generous in their praise of the beautiful plantings. Many have given donations of money for the purchase of plants and over the years, the trees in the parks were given by families to be planted in memory of their loved ones.

Now, I have been told that several trees have been – or will be removed. What does this tell the citizens about the attitude of those who ordered this work? Was there any consultation about the history of these removals? Does this mean that the Memorial aspect of the pioneers who settled in Baysville is to be forgotten? In most cases the donors of these trees chose the particular tree to be planted because it was a favorite of the family member. If a tree has over the years become a danger because of disease , (and this should be confirmed by an arborist) - removal and replacement in the same general area and of a similar species seems to be the only way to carry on the memorial aspect of the Parks.

x.c. - Don, Yvonne, Michelle

I hope you will all ponder on this information and before you make your decisions, consult with the members of the Society and residents of Baysville. It has been and should still be, their space to nurture and enjoy.

Sincerely,

Bernice Good.

Bernice (Betty) Good

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Dear Friends,

I am writing to you today to share with you some of the things that I have learned over the years.

Life is a journey, and it is a journey that we all take together. We are all here for a purpose, and it is our duty to live our lives to the fullest. We should not waste our time and energy on things that do not matter. We should live our lives in a way that is meaningful and purposeful.

One of the things that I have learned is that we should always be kind to others. Kindness is a powerful force, and it can make a big difference in the world. We should always be kind to the people we love, and we should also be kind to the people we do not know. Kindness is a gift that we can all give, and it is a gift that we should all receive.

Another thing that I have learned is that we should always be honest. Honesty is the best policy, and it is the only way to build trust. We should always be honest with the people we love, and we should also be honest with the people we do not know. Honesty is a virtue that we should all strive to be, and it is a virtue that we should all practice.

I hope that these things that I have learned will help you in your own life. I hope that you will always be kind and honest, and I hope that you will live your lives to the fullest. I hope that you will always be happy and content, and I hope that you will always be loved and appreciated. I hope that you will always be a part of something big and beautiful, and I hope that you will always be a part of something that matters.