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Mayor Janet Peake,

My wife Sue and I are Lake of Bays taxpayers and spend our summers cottaging/living on Raven Lake just south of Dorset. We've been on the lake for almost 20 years and landowners since 1999. In that time I've been an active part of the Raven Lake Cottagers Association as a Director and often work with other lakes and associations to preserve what originally drew us to Lake of Bays.

I would like to applaud you and your council on bringing the Muskoka Half Ironman to Hunstville. I think it's a positive reflection on the values that we should be promoting to help share the outdoors in Muskoka. The 'healthy lifestyle' that the sport emanates goes up and above the economic value that these races bring to the local communities. I am sure there are people who do not understand the sport of triathlon or, how it enhances and promotes our communities. Hopefully, over time people we rally behind triathlon as all the other 'outdoor communities' holding Ironman races have done.

On a personal level, Sue and I have competed in 3 full Ironman distances as well as numerous other triathlons of varying distances. Every weekend we take our bikes up north with us and use the 35/60/117/118 as our training grounds. We also use lake to practice our swimming. How could anyone ask for a better training ground?? We also like to share our cottage with our training group as we normally bring multiple people with us who are all chasing the same goal as us. They too share the love for the lake as well as the region. It goes without saying that they also give back to the community economically directly in Dorset every weekend as well as Baysville while they are in transit.

I think you are very forward thinking integrating triathlon with the community, especially in this day in age when it's easier for people not to be exercising!! Please let me know if there is anything I can be doing to help communicate the positive change that you're bringing to our region. RCLA is aware of it, in fact our entire lake is aware of it.....and I hope others are too! You're helping to grow our sport and promoting a 'lifestyle choice' for Sue and I; and the rest of your electorate!!

Sincerely,

Rick Cadman-