



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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Correspondence received July 10, 2020 from John Lamont, Long Beach Property Owners Association respecting Long Beach concerns.

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July 7, 2020

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Attention: Mayor Kevin Gibson and Members of Council:

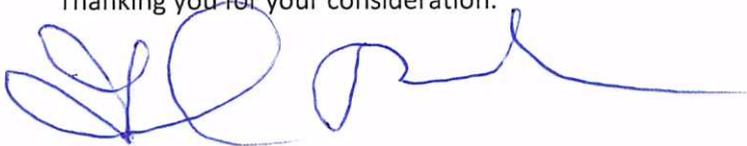
Re: 10399 Lakeshore Road

I am writing to you to see if you could install stop signs on Lakeshore Road both directions at Bessey Road.

Many municipalities are installing stop signs as calming devices on perfectly straight streets. The above intersection I think is fairly dangerous. It is on a curve on Lakeshore Road that is a hairpin turn and visibility when you stop on Bessey Street at Lakeshore is very poor. You pretty well have to gun it to make the turn. I would pay the cost of the signs.

My driveway is right there and I would be a beneficiary as well I would offer property to the municipality at no cost if you ever thought of moving road northward just east of Bessy road. I own the Gunthers campground and have no immediate plans for development but am always open to suggestions. I think with hydro line there it would be quite expensive. I would contribute to cost if municipality ever decided to widen the road.

Thanking you for your consideration.



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From: Lynn Bell <wscoachbell@gmail.com>
Sent: July 8, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Council
Subject: beach access, augustine road - covid concerns

Attention Mayor Kevin Gibson and Wainfleet Town Council

I am writing this letter to address my concerns and the need for actions to be taken in the Long Beach area, specifically at Augustine Road. I have been a property owner, as well as a summer resident since 1963. I also owned Al's Miniature Golf and Snack Bar from 2001-2011. My understanding growing up there as a child, the firelane at Augustine was beach access for all the properties along Augustine, Hock Road, Slater Blvd and Walnut Hill, the local residents, as well as road access for emergency vehicles. I was always also under the impression that the Town owned 66 feet wide of beach allowance, for such purposes, and the rest was private, as most of the deeds read to the waters edge. Somehow during the past 20 years since the Cove went thru a number of years being vacant, social media, cell phone technology, the word spread about our beautiful beach - and the public took over this private beach. So you could say I have watched the community grow and change over the years, but never have I felt the safety of our community was at as great of a risk, as it is this summer.

This is unprecedented time, with Covid still running its course all across our province and numbers still concerning in Toronto, and Hamilton, I am certain there is a potential risk for an outbreak to occur from visitors at our beaches. I believe the Township needs to take immediate actions to reduce this risk and protect our community..

As a previous owner of the Mini putt, I asked my customers daily where they were from, and honestly the vast majority would say Toronto or Hamilton. Yes there was approximately 10-15% that were from within our region, but the rest were tourists flocking to our beach. I would ask why they would come here? More often then not, they would say "they could do whatever they wanted here with very little policing of the area".

When the Cove Restaurant or Undertow closed, the parking lot became an area where up to 200 cars filled with youth that came to drink and party for the most part. The Township wisely put barriers to block off the parking lot, which deterred some beach goers. Unfortunately this soon caused the roads to fill up with parking all along Brawn, Lakeshore, Augustine etc. Again the Township wisely reacted by placing signage and parking fees. This also reduced the numbers frequenting the beach. Police presence also became very consistent on weekends, and this also lowered the number of beach goers.

Then the Township opened the public access further down the beach, providing washrooms and parking. Again this kept the numbers coming to the Augustine road allowance, a bit more manageable, and gave a safe place to park and proper facilities for those that came.

Fast forward to this season, with everyone being quarantined for the most part since March, and the recent openings of beaches and restaurants people are once again flocking the beach. Add to this the high lake levels, hence a much narrower beach, and there is even less space than ever for crowds of this magnitude to swarm the beach and social distance.

Recently there was an announcement Concessi's store will not be open, yet their parking lot is full of visitors taking advantage of the large lot to park and go to the beach. Add to that the beach parking available at the Hungry Putter, DJ's restaurant (while they are not open), and 905 rentals. When all areas are full, and they were near capacity this past weekend, there is a potential for hundreds of carloads of visitors. So the beach was packed - not with cottage owners, as many are Americans, and cannot even cross the bridge to have access to their cottage. Instead it was filled with the public on the private beach - all the way up to Long Beach Resort. Were these visitors all socially distancing, and staying in groups under 10? No they were not. My understanding that there is a provincial order for us to do so. It is also my understanding it is up to the Municipalities to ensure that we do act accordingly, whether it be by policing or bylaw enforcement is still unclear to me - as I have seen both taking actions in the news in neighbouring communities.

My suggestion is to work with the area businesses, and try to figure out a plan to restrict the number of parking spaces available, keeping the numbers on the beach more manageable. I understand that the Concessi's store property is private, but if they are not currently operating a business on their property, then how is it they are taking in revenue for parking? My understanding is that this was enough reason for the Township to close off the parking lot of the Cove in the past. Perhaps a similar type of temporary barricading the lot could take place just for this season until Concessi's store decides to reopen. I would also speak to the owners of DJ's and Hungry Putter as I know it is a nuisance to have their lots full of cars prior to their business opening each day, and not having space for their customers when their business is open.

Throughout all the years I have lived here, the Township has teetered between - we will try to get more police presence, more bylaw enforcement on parking, to its just the owners problems to deal with. I would venture to guess there is a fair amount of the town's taxpayers revenue coming from this small, seasonal parcel of land. There is a limited amount of months most of these taxpayers receive any benefit from services provided by the Town. As taxpayers, we are all entitled to some police presence, some cooperation from the Town to limit access, and signage to make clear where the public area ends - if there is even a designated public area now, and where private property begins.

Beyond the whole threat of covid - there is another long standing issue for all those that decide to park and spend the entire day at the beach - there is only one Johnny on the Spot. So it doesn't take a great deal of imagination to know where all these people are relieving themselves, since there are hundreds of people in need of it if they park all day. This has to be impacting the bacteria levels at the lake, as well as the pollution and garbage left behind. In addition to the destruction of private property occurring from these beachgoers as night falls.

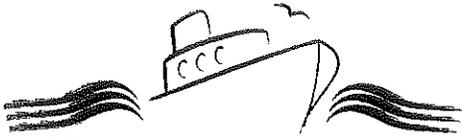
This problem is not isolated to Wainfleet shoreline or beaches, I have read and seen in the news, and other council meetings this is an issue along the entire lakeshore. Port Dover closed their beach, Port Colborne is discussing the matter at Pleasant Beach, north of Toronto they have closed beaches to avoid the spread of covid. I am not sure how much conversing between Municipalities there is, but perhaps finding out what our surrounding communities are doing to deal with these issues could be beneficial.

In conclusion I am asking the Council to please consider more signage at the beach, possibly some type of fence or barricading to show the perimeters of public access. There is a fence put up with signage from the Niagara Region, clearly stating where the private beach begins and ends, at the Long Beach public access further down the beach. The Conservation park has an area that is open for day passes but has security and rules. In addition some further measures to be taken to restrict

"beach parking" (ie temporary barricades at businesses when they are closed), more police presence, and bylaw enforcement.

Respectfully,

Lynn Bell
Long Beach Cottage Owner



Where Ships Climb The Mountain...

Thorold

Received July 9, 2020
C-175-2020

July 9, 2020

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Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Cannabis Odour Nuisance

Please be advised Thorold City Council, at its July 7, 2020 meeting, adopted the following resolution:

That the resolution passed by the Council of the City of Welland at its meeting of June 16, 2020 requesting Niagara Region and the local area municipalities work in a collaborative manner to create resolutions to present to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in an effort to effect change in the approval process and hold existing cannabis facilities accountable for their odour and light emissions, be received and supported.

Yours truly,

Donna Delvecchio
City Clerk

DD:cd

ec: M. Dilwaria, Chief Administrative Officer

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July 9, 2020

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Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca

Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Joining Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities

Please be advised Thorold City Council, at its July 7, 2020 meeting, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Region of Niagara adopted a number of recommendations at its Regional Council on September 19, 2019 recommending that they join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities (CIM); and

Whereas the Niagara Region motion and background information was forwarded to Thorold City Council on November 19, 2019 for information purposes; and

Whereas the Region of Niagara has invited all twelve municipalities to join in the signing of the declaration to join the Coalition; and

Whereas in order for municipalities to participate, the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities has requested that each municipal Council pass a motion of support; and

Whereas diversity, equity and inclusion matter to all of Niagara, it is important to support initiatives to tackle racism discrimination and promote human rights and diversity.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Mayor Ugolini be directed to sign the Declaration to Join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities.

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Yours truly,



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Niagara Area Municipalities

From: Lamont John <john.lamont@andritz.com>
Sent: July 10, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Meredith Ciuffetelli
Cc: SHANE BALL
Subject: Long Beach Concerns - Correspondence for Council

Hello Wainfleet Council,

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Long Beach – specifically, those of us that are part of the Long Beach Property Owners Association. Most of us have homes or cottages on the east end of Long Beach.

In years past we have had excellent relations with April and Staff. Over the past ten years we have turned what was a rowdy beach that was unpleasant for families to a destination that all enjoy and love.

Understandably, with the Covid situation, there are a lot of people 'getting out there' and the beach is VERY busy. Unfortunately, the snow fence that the town installed was all removed and burned by teens last weekend. My understanding is that police charged those responsible but may we ask that the town reinstall the fence. It serves to keep people off private property (relieving themselves) and protects the dunes along the access-way and beach. If the guys can run the fence a bit further from the end of the path towards the water, that seemed to work better last year.

I am not sure if the town has any plans to revisit the security guard idea that we had in years past but I would ask that it be a topic for council to review. It served to divert those who were bringing coolers of alcohol onto the beach to other areas that are not so family populated. Again, we love that residents of Wainfleet and elsewhere enjoy what the beach has to offer; unfortunately we have gone backwards some on the alcohol (safety of the community as they leave the beach after drinking all day), rowdiness, fights, public urination etc. The security guard from years past on the weekend did wonders to controls these issues.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to call at any time.

Regards,
John.

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