



October 25, 2012

Mayor Anderson  
Town of The Blue Mountains  
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**Re: Impact of Low Water Levels on Georgian Bay**

Dear Mayor Anderson :

Mayors from many shoreline communities are actively engaged in discussions about the changing water levels in the Great Lakes. The discussion has been informed by extensive research and consultations with political figures, scientists, environmental groups, the public plus many others. The debate has led to a focus on large scale solutions that are both controversial and unlikely to be acted upon over the next few years.

Georgian Bay itself seems to be affected by a prolonged reduction of water levels. These lower levels have led to real and immediate economic impacts upon our shoreline communities. These impacts include marinas having to dredge new access routes or even closing; water intakes that have to be relocated; loss of wetlands/fisheries; wells that have to be re-sited; to name a few. While we all hope that a solution exists that will return us to normal water levels in the future, the economic impact for Georgian Bay communities is affecting us today.

My purpose in writing is to gain your insight and support in dealing with this immediate economic problem and to build a constituency that would allow us to successfully approach senior levels of government for assistance. Would you please let me know if your community is affected by reduced water levels and if you wish to join with your fellow mayors to work with senior government to help us address this Georgian Bay problem?

You may contact us directly, as indicated below or write to Georgian Bay Mayors c/o Town of Midland, 575 Dominion Ave, Midland, On, L4R 1R2.

Sincerely,

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October 24, 2012

Honourable Christian Paradis  
Minister of Industry Canada  
House of Commons  
Confederation Building Room 507  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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**RE: EQUAL ACCESS TO HIGH-BANDWIDTH BROADBAND RESOLUTION  
– SPECTRUM LICENCE RULES  
TOWNSHIP FILE NO. GF-101**

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Please be advised that during the regular meeting of Council on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, the following motion was carried;

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge recognizes the ability to access high-speed internet service is immediately critical to the economic development and quality of life in all regions of Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** rural Canadians in areas with low population density disproportionately rely on wireless internet that requires licensed spectrum;

**AND WHEREAS** technologies like mobile cellular data are not a viable substitute for access to high-bandwidth broadband to the home provided by licensed wireless services;

**AND WHEREAS** access to high-bandwidth broadband to the home in rural areas with low population density will:

- I. Allow rural Canadians to experience equal opportunities and the same benefits of high-bandwidth broadband to the home as urban Canadians currently experience;
- II. Allow rural Canadians to operate home based businesses to stimulate local rural economies;



- III. Allow rural Canadians the opportunity to work from home to meet the demands of the rapidly evolving Canadian workplace and further strengthen the Canadian workforce;
- IV. Create an opportunity to reduce commuter traffic from rural areas to urban centres based on work from home capabilities via universal access to high-bandwidth broadband in rural areas;

**AND WHEREAS** federal spectrum auction rules discriminate against rural Canadians in areas with low population density and providers of wireless rural broadband by bundling rural areas with urban areas in geographic blocks in spectrum auctions, thereby making it uneconomical for providers of rural broadband to bid on spectrum and provide licensed wireless service to rural Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** federal spectrum deployment rules further discriminate against rural Canadians in areas with low population density and providers of wireless rural broadband by bundling rural areas with urban areas in geographical blocks in auctions that require spectrum deployment by population percentage, if a rural provider could afford to buy spectrum, a licence typically requires deployment to 50% of the population of the licensed area; rural providers can deploy in 100% of the rural area and only cover 20% of the population, thereby risking losing the licence; conversely, urban providers can deploy in cities only and meet the spectrum population deployment requirement;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of Industry Canada has effectively allowed Inukshuk Wireless, a joint venture owned by Bell Canada and Rogers Communications, to confer a monopoly on high-bandwidth broadband licensed spectrum;

**AND WHEREAS** specifically in the Region of Durham, Inukshuk Wireless is not willing to lease and/or sell the rural portion of the licensed spectrum to rural service providers, leaving the rural population unserved and denying the rural population of equal rights and opportunities to high-bandwidth broadband licensed spectrum;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Industry Canada, the Honourable Christian Paradis, has first hand knowledge of the importance and effects of high-bandwidth broadband access in rural areas with low population density as his riding of Mégantic - L'Érable, and more specifically his hometown of Thetford-Mines, a rural area with low population density, is serviced by a rural service provider;

**AND WHEREAS the Minister of Industry Canada has a mandate to help make Canadian industry more productive and competitive in the global economy, thus improving the economic and social well-being of Canadians;**

**AND WHEREAS the Minister of Industry Canada mandate includes encouraging the provision of broadband to all Canadians, including those rural Canadians in areas with low population density and has the authority to alter spectrum auction rules;**

**AND WHEREAS the Minister of Industry Canada has the immediate opportunity to realize the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission target of broadband internet access services to all Canadians to have access to broadband speeds of at least 5 megabits per second (Mbps).**

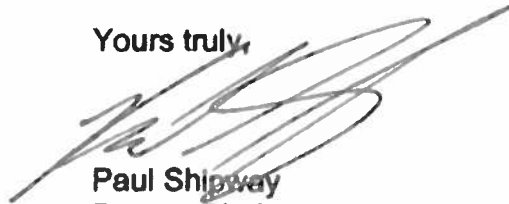
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge hereby call upon the Federal Minister of Industry Canada, the Honourable Christian Paradis to immediately amend spectrum auction rules to allow for the separate auction of rural from urban spectrum, thereby allowing rural Canadians in areas with low population density to access high-speed internet via licensed spectrum.**

**AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of Industry Canada, the Honourable John O'toole, MPP, the Honourable Gordon O'Connor, P.C., M.P. Chief Government Whip, Constituency Office for Durham, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities requesting support to call on the Minister of Industry Canada to amend federal spectrum auction rules to be equitable for rural Canadians.**

**I trust you will find the above to be satisfactory.**

**Yours truly,**



**Paul Shipway  
Deputy Clerk**

**/ljr**

**cc: Honourable Gordon O'Connor, P.C., M.P.  
Chief Government Whip, Constituency Office for Durham  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
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Ontario Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities**

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To: Mayor Anderson  
and the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains

Regarding the TBM By-law 2012-66 enacted October 29, 2012, described as a by-law to facilitate the control of The Feral Cat Population. The TBM (The Town) has no cat control bylaw, but does have a separate bylaw to control and regulate dogs. (By-Law #2006-32)

My wife and I have resided in Grey County since 1978 and have operated a private shelter for the past 25 years, which is, incorporated as a charitable organization dedicated primarily to the rescue and adoption out of stray, abandoned and impounded cats and kittens under the name Hobocat Adoptions. Based on our years of experience in this field of animal welfare, we believe that we are qualified to express our views to Council on the propriety of its new cat bylaw, as well as Operation Catsnip, a feral cat program proposed by Dr. Tina Gray, D.V.M., which Council has given its support to by enacting By-laws 2012-66 and 2012-68. We have used Dr. Gray's veterinarian services in the past and applaud her desire to undertake Operation Catsnip which by its own description is limited to helping the existing feral cat population in the Town, which unfortunately will not include stray/abandoned cats/kittens, who are also the product of human neglect through no fault of their own.

We respectfully urge Council to immediately repeal By-law 2012-66, thereby preventing any of its provisions from being implemented. An Agreement in writing between the requisite parties must be reached, which can if necessary then be made the subject of an enabling By-law.

By-law 2012-66, although well intended, would not pass a court challenge, because it is inadequate, discriminatory, ambiguous, unenforceable, in many regards. A properly drafted agreement would better satisfy all parties concerned including the public because it would satisfy Council's procedural bylaw by ensuring that it is accountable to the public for its actions and that its actions and decisions are transparent to the public.

Our most basic objections to the bylaw in its present form and which would more appropriately be dealt with in an agreement to be drafted, are as follows:

**#1) Operation Catsnip (O/C)**

Dr. Gray has stated publicly that as part of OC, she or a member of her staff will test every feral cat brought into the clinic for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus and that any cat found to be infected with either virus will be humanely euthanized.

Dr. Gray cannot for the sake of convenience in good conscience lump together into one category cats carrying either virus as a valid reason to be destroyed. Being diagnosed with the F.I.V. virus does not mean the cat has Feline A.I.D.S. It may be years, if ever, before the cat develops the clinical signs referred to as Feline A.I.D.S. There is no risk of cross infection between the immunodeficiency viruses of cats and people. Therefore for any vet to euthanize a F.I.V. infected, but otherwise healthy cat, would be premature, unnecessary and an unethical pretext (excuse) for committing what would be very likely be regarded under the C.C. Code as animal cruelty. Any cat found by Dr. Gray to merely test positive for the virus should be treated no differently than those tested negative. This provision must be written into the agreement. As to "humanely euthanized", we would insist that any all euthanasia be done by a Veterinarian, including those testing positive for feline leukemia to ensure that is done humanely.

**#2) Trapping** – The Agreement must set out clearly the training and certification that any person has received to qualify for the job, what types of traps can be used, the time of year trapping can occur, weather conditions, the number of traps that can be set at one time, monitoring traps and the time within which a

trapped cat must be brought into the clinic. The only program in this regard endorsed by O.S.P.C.A., the Animal Alliance of Canada and the Humane Society of United States is the Trap/Neuter/Release program run by the Toronto Feral Cat Coalition.

**#3) Processing** – Cats to be S/N, should be dewormed, defleaed, vaccinated for rabies, tattooed, microchipped, or earnotched, and treated beforehand for any illness. The cat must be kept at the clinic a minimum of 10 days to ensure its recovery from any illness treated for and so as to ensure that the S/N and vaccination is successful.

**#4) Records** must be kept by the clinic for each cat from the time the animal is trapped until it is released and a report submitted to the Town Clerk on a quarterly basis.

**#5) Release** – The bylaw refers to return to the same environment or to a safe environment. Whatever environment is chosen it must include one where the cat colony is provided with food, water and shelter on a daily ongoing basis so that the cats being returned can be managed and monitored properly. The type of shelter presently available will have to be assessed and whatever upgrades are required would have to be added before the trapping starts so as to stabilize the colony and prevent it from being abandoned.

**#6) Financial and Human Resources**

Before O/C program can proceed Council must be assured that sufficient human resources, volunteers included are available. Funding for the program must be set up in a trust account of at least \$25,000 before the program can proceed.

Liability coverage for all those participating in the program including volunteers must be arranged.

Many people are skeptical of the intent of this program and believe that because the Town has no cat control bylaw and because it is not being administered by a Humane Society, that most cats trapped and brought in will be put down in a concerted effort to get rid of all feral cat colonies, as well as the stray and abandoned ones who may be caught.

Hopefully this agreement will demonstrate the good faith of all parties to the contrary which a mere bylaw by its very nature is unable to do. The Agreement will also encourage more public donations because of the favourable publicity generated and the endorsement it will receive from Animal Welfare Organizations such as the O.S.P.C.A, Animal Alliance of Canada, the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, which organizations would never endorse the program as enabled by the bylaw route alone.

We recognize that the O/C program is not intended as a low cost S/N clinic as run the Ontario Human Society in Barrie and other locations but at least, it is a step in the right direction.

The Town's solicitor has an important role to play in drafting The Agreement before it is approved by Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted to Council for its careful consideration and assistance.

Lore and Gerry Weinberg



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**Dr. Kellie Leitch, O.Ont**

Member of Parliament  
Simcoe—Grey

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Dear Mayor ~~Anderson~~ <sup>Burns</sup>,

On September 24, my colleague John Weston, Member of Parliament for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast--Sea-to-Sky--Country, introduced the *National Health and Fitness Day Act* in the House of Commons. This is a vital and timely bill which I am proud to support.

Exercise and physical recreation offer major physical and mental health benefits. They reduce the risk of serious illness, as well as the associated costs to families and to the health care system. The *National Health and Fitness Day Act* will encourage Canadians to take advantage both of Canada's beautiful outdoors and of the many public health and fitness facilities available in communities across the country.

This Act will designate the first Saturday in June as an annual "National Health and Fitness Day." On National Health and Fitness Day, local governments will be encouraged to open recreational health, sports, and fitness facilities to their constituents free of charge. By raising Canadians' awareness both of the value of physical activity and of the fitness opportunities available in their communities, the Act aims to increase Canadian participation in health and fitness activities.

I hope that you will join me in supporting the *National Health and Fitness Day Act*. I look forward to working with you to carry out its recommendations and to make an impact on the health of our communities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kellie Leitch, O.Ont., MD  
Member of Parliament  
Simcoe-Grey



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October 18, 2012

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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Dear Sir / Madam:

As an important partner to Canadian municipalities, Canada Post remains committed to providing a full range of postal services in every community we serve, including new developments. This letter is to inform you of some changes we are implementing to the process of installing Community Mail Boxes (CMB) in new developments.

With new residential and commercial developments adding between 150,000 and 200,000 mailing addresses every year, Canada Post's costs continue to increase while the amount of mail in the system is in rapid decline. Over the last five years, mail volumes have dropped almost 20 per cent per address, contributing to the corporation's unprecedented financial losses in 2011 and the first half of 2012.

To date, Canada Post has incurred the full cost of installing Community Mail Boxes and activating all addresses in new developments—on top of absorbing costs associated with maintaining the equipment and providing reliable delivery.

**Effective January 1, 2013**, Canada Post will implement a one-time fee to developers to install and activate all Community Mail Boxes and addresses in new developments. This partial cost-recovery initiative will apply a fee of \$200 per address, and is in addition to the existing process for installing Community Mail Boxes. As always, Canada Post will continue to cover all costs to repair and maintain Community Mail Boxes as well as the costs associated with mail delivery. There is no financial impact to your municipality as a result of this process change; this letter is simply to inform you of the change in Canada Post's process should you be asked questions from developers.

Community Mail Boxes are a high-value service that offers secure and convenient mail and parcel delivery to Canadians. This change is necessary to ensure that Canada Post is able to maintain the high level of service that Canadians have come to expect, while contributing to the corporation's fiscal stability.

For more information, please contact your Canada Post Delivery Planning Manager:  
Wayne Beaton, (519) 457-5317, wayne.beaton@canadapost.postescanada.ca

Regards,

Jacques Côté  
Group President, Physical Delivery  
Canada Post

This is our final statement regarding this application for a Zoning Amendment at 253 Cameron Street, Thornbury and we want it on record that;

We live next door to the applicant and in the time that Ms. Medjuck has owned this property, we have never seen an elderly or a person with a disability on the property. We are at our residence 90% of weekends and are in residence all summer, long weekends and during the Christmas holidays.

As a matter of fact, we did not meet our neighbours until the weekend (early July 2012), after the illegal conversion of the garage being converted into living space was reported to Brenda Doyle M.L.E.O., C.P.S.O. Certified Municipal Law Enforcement Officer. At that time Ms. Medjuck told us the cottage was too small for her combined family [REDACTED]

Why were the applicants/residents of 253 Cameron St. absent during the public meeting to defend their application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment? Why is staff rigorously advocating for this amendment? If I were proposing such a dramatic change that will effect all of the TOBM, I'd be there to defend my application. Who is pushing this forward on council?

We also want it noted that if this application is approved and the garage is used for other uses outside of this application, we will file an official complaint, if warranted.

Sincerely,

Lee & Bernie Caplan

[REDACTED]  
Thornbury