

Dear Councillors of the Town of Blue Mountains,

As a long time cottage resident of the Town of Blue Mountains, I am writing to the Town Council to urgently protest the TCE Pumped Storage Plant being proposed for the Town of Meaford.

As someone who has been coming to this area my entire life---our family cottage was built in 1951----I have seen the Blue Mountains and the Town of Thornbury evolve into one of the finest and most successful tourist regions in Ontario. Fishing, swimming, boating, cottaging, bird watching, scenic beauty---all of these abundant activities and attractions are hinged on the beauty of our pristine Georgian Bay. And all the other pursuant activities and industries---golf, restaurants, real estate and others have thrived because people come to this area to enjoy Georgian Bay and the Escarpment area.

I am therefore deeply concerned about the environmental disaster in the form of this Pumped Storage Plant which will suck up and discharge millions of cubic meters of water back into our beautiful Bay DAILY doing untold damage. The company involved has provided inadequate environmental assessment and have not even accurately examined the location in which they wish to build.

We should not be fooled by the money and promises being made by TCE---the “many jobs” are transient and temporary—there only during the construction, many not for locals and disappearing once the plant is up and running. The destruction of the tourist and fishing industry of Georgian Bay has a priceless value which cannot be offset by empty promises. Once the damage to our ecosystem occurs it will be impossible to reverse it.

To the Council of the Town of Blue Mountains, this may seem like a “Meaford” issue. It is not—it is a Georgian Bay issue and every

community on this wonderful Bay should be against it. This needs to be thought of in the same way the late, great Canadian comedian Dave Broadfoot observed when discussing the smoking ban in restaurants and he said "Having Smoking Section in a restaurant is like having a Pissing Section in a Pool." Water moves and it will be impossible to confine contamination from the plant to the Meaford area. THINK ABOUT IT. Do we want a 23 million cubic metre Pissing Section in Georgian Bay just north of the Town of Blue Mountains?

Absolutely not!!!!

Urging your vigorous action against this project.

Martha McKee,

Cottage Owner

