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**To:** Corrina Giles <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: October 1 1pm Counsel meeting

I confirm I am slated to speak on October 1. Please include the following statement in the Agenda:

My family and I are residents in Peaks Bay.

We, like the majority of Town of The Blue Mountains residents and visitors voicing their opinion here, are opposed to a fence being erected on public lands to block waterfront use. We are opposed to the recent installation of boulders, soil and vegetation which serve as a dangerous and complete barrier to safe passage to the westerly public waterfront of Peaks Bay. Similarly, we are opposed to the suggestions in the recent staff report of Mr. Everitt which would block access to the waterfront at Peaks Bay.

We would like a safe recreational area where our families can enjoy the whole of the Peaks Bay waterfront.

As previously noted, at the conclusion of the June 4, 2018 meeting, it was my impression that signs would be erected rather than a fence which would warn the public to take care and protect the ANSI which are fossils permeating the area. This was seen as an inexpensive and effective solution.

Instead, the Town has effectively blocked all safe passage to the west of the pathway leading to the water. Fencing and extensive landscaping has been done in the area since the June 4 meeting. A significantly large amount of immovable boulders have been deposited by machinery as well as trees, shrubs and brush. I fail to see how this has benefitted the ANSI.

I have now been made aware that all reference to 'PUBLIC ACCESS' on the path to the waterfront on Ellis Drive have been removed from the documentation for the Peaks Bay. This is in stark contrast to how the area was designated at the time of my home purchase.

It is unfair to deny area residents and visitors access to Georgian Bay. It is unfair to use our tax moneys to limit the public's access to the area's natural resources.

The Town has previously been provided with confirmation from the Ministry of Natural Resources that they do not consider public beach access to be damaging to the ANSI.

I ask for the removal of all boulders, fencing and landscaping. These are dangerous, expensive, and unfairly block access to Public lands for no reason.

The Public should not have access taken away from Public lands, especially beaches. I suggest that the Staff report is at polar odds with the inclusive nature of other Ontario communities. In making their decision, I ask Counsel to consider the recent efforts of other Ontario Parks, Beaches and Recreational areas who commit to improving the public's access to natural resources.

Rather than limiting access, our community should be committed to expanding and improving access.

Regards,  
James V. Leone