

January 10, 2018



Mayor Murphy and Members of Council
Municipality of Bonnechere Valley
49 Bonnechere Street
Eganville, Ontario
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Re: RV use on Lake Clear Waterfront Properties

Dear Mayor Murphy and Municipal Councillors:

The Lake Clear Property Owners Association (LCPOA) is pleased to provide the attached report to Council for its review and consideration in advance of the June 2018 special Council meeting on the topic of Recreational Vehicle (RV) use on Lake Clear.

Anyone who lives, works, or owns property in Bonnechere Valley is very fortunate. The area is blessed with a gorgeous environment of lakes, rivers and forests. Environmental protection has gotten a bum rap, as many believe it is counter-productive to a healthy business environment. Bonnechere Valley Township (BVT) Council is faced with the task of balancing the protection of the natural environment, the economic and financial health and the infrastructure of the township -- **a tall order**. The LCPOA is interested in working with the township to promote environmental protection that is also economically viable.

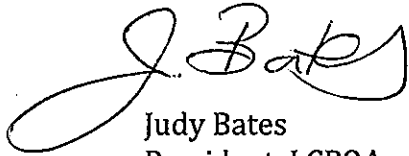
We know that the health of BVT's lakes is absolutely crucial to the local economy. The lakes drive tourism and bring more permanent residents to the area. This, of course, increases tax revenue and greatly helps local businesses to thrive.

Human habitation is the most significant contributor to water quality degradation. With this in mind, there are several ways that protection of water quality in our lakes can be improved: shoreline protection and setbacks, septic system re-inspections, continued enforcement of existing by-laws, and regulation of all structures and dwellings, including RVs.

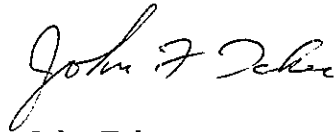
The issue currently under consideration by BVT Council is regulation of RV usage on Lake Clear. The LCPOA simply wants RVs that are being used in lieu of sleep cabins or cottages to be treated as structures and thus be subject to the same rules and regulations that every other dwelling and property owner is subject to. This will provide another measure of water quality protection *and*, in all likelihood, increased revenue for the BVT coffers.

The LCPOA looks forward to participating in the upcoming June 9, 2018 special council meeting on this very important topic.

Respectfully,



Judy Bates
President, LCPOA



John Taker
Chair, Land Use Committee
LCPOA