

March 30, 2018

Mayor Murphy and Bonnechere Valley Township Councillors
Municipality of Bonnechere Valley
49 Bonnechere Street
Eganville, Ontario
K0J 1T0

Re: RV Use on Lake Clear

Dear Mayor Murphy and Municipal Councillors:

We are property owners on Lake Clear and are concerned about the increase in the number of RVs on the lake and their potential negative affect on our lake trout.

As you are aware, The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Control considers Lake Clear an "at capacity" lake. The introduction of nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen from septic systems and fertilizers, etc. are the greatest contributors to the degradation of water quality. Many BVT zoning by-laws are already in place to support the "at capacity" designation including no creation of new waterfront lots, 30 meter setbacks, limits on property use (e.g., one dwelling, one sleep cabin, one garden suite). However, there is an absence of by-laws governing the use of RVs on lakefront properties.

The Lake Clear Property Owners Association conducted a survey of RVs on Lake Clear and have documented 57 units, 38 of which appear to be used as dwellings without being subjected to the checks and balances in place for other dwellings, such as the 30 meter setback and the use of a proper disposal system for waste water and septic.

Only BVT has the authority and responsibility to address this gap. We ask you to recognize this environmental threat and enact by-laws to oversee the use of RVs on Lake Clear.

Sincerely,

Paul and Colleen Beanish
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