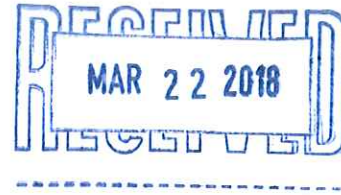


Mayor Murphy and Members of Council
Municipality of Bonnechere Valley
49 Bonnechere Street
Eganville, ON
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March 22, 2018

RE: Recreational Vehicles (RVs) at Lake Clear

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I have enjoyed Lake Clear for over 45 years. My parents bought lake front land and framed a cottage when I was a teenager. My wife and I bought the land and cottage from my parents when we were in our early 20's. We made improvements over the decades, as we were able to save money to pay for upgrades. One of the first things we did was to install a composting toilet. We knew that an outhouse was not the best for the environment. We did not clear-cut the shoreline and abided by all of the requirements, including getting permits, for our improvements.

I have been a lake steward for many years, taking samples and sending them to the Ministry, so that the water quality of our lake is monitored and reported.

We, like many our friends and fellow cottage owners, do our utmost to ensure that Lake Clear can be enjoyed for future generations. We do not want our lake to become another toxic Muskrat Lake.

I am very upset that some landowners have chosen to circumvent the rules that are in place to protect our lake by putting permanent trailers on their land. I could have chosen to put a trailer on my land and avoided paying substantially more taxes. I could have put it, or them, within feet of the shoreline and endangered the ribbon of life. I could have clear-cut my land and built a road directly to the lake.

I am a responsible cottage owner who is concerned about the environment and did not do any of these things. Unfortunately, not everyone will act in a responsible manner and this is where the elected officials must act for the protection of everyone.

I ask that you take action and pass a by-law, which will stop this practice from multiplying further.

Sincerely,

Brian Thurgood