

January 29, 2018

Mayor Murphy and Bonnechere Valley Township Councillors
Municipality of Bonnechere Valley
49 Bonnechere Street East
Eganville, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Murphy and Municipal Councillors:

As cottage property owners on Lake Clear for many years, we appreciate the reasons for cottages to be built the appropriate distance from the shoreline in accordance with the zoning regulations of the time when they were built, with properly-working septic tanks and fields, as well as having a buffer of trees at the shoreline to minimize run-off.

We have observed in numerous areas around the lake where substantial and permanent cottage-type RVs are located, much closer to the lake than cottages would similarly be allowed. A number of these properties have also been at least partially cleared of trees at the shore, something else which violates rules for cottage owners.

It seems reasonable and fair that there be only one set of rules governing cottage owners and property owners using RVs as their lakeside accommodation. This would ensure proper handling of sewage, as well as appropriate set-backs from the shore.

In addition, it would address the payment of property taxes on the RV dwelling, instead of just vacant land. This would promote more even distribution of the tax burden, based on market value assessments.

We have read the material provided by the LCPOA related to RVs. We would request that the Township of Bonnechere Valley enact by-laws to address the use and placement of RVs on Lake Clear, so that they are regulated by the same by-laws as are properties with cottage dwellings.

Sincerely,



Roy and Elizabeth Shultis
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