

The June 9th Trailer Issue

To Mayor Murphy and members of council.

March 17, 2018

First of all i would like to state that this issue is based on John Takers obsession to restrict trailers and the people that use them from having the right to enjoy the camping experience that has made Canada and especially Ontario the place to enjoy .

I find his reasonings are based on Facts that that are twisted to suit his cause and hope that council will see this when I explain my reasoning (for saying this) and leave the issue alone. Everything should remain as is so all people in our township can continue to enjoy the camping experience that we have enjoyed in the past.

Mr. Taker talks about RV's around the lake and the number of them and comes up with the ridiculous statement that he is concerned where the waste water is going. He decides that based on the number of trailers there is a "potential" problem. I am sure members of council are aware of my letter to the Eganville Leader referencing this and I am including a copy rather than repeat it in this letter, but i would still like it to be taken into consideration as well.

Mr.Taker, no matter what he says, i personally believe he does not want trailers on this lake. He has a home there and is taking issues with non home owners. He said (at the May 17 2017 meeting) that trailers sparked concer from LCPOA members, well I as a member at that time and also my brother had heard nothing about it and we both have trailers on our property. So no there was no concern from us and there was no letters or information to us as members to get our input especially as we were the one of the people targeted. If we as members were not informed how many other members were not informed. Mr Taker indicates that this is not personal, yet I think he might appreciate that when you are singled out and insinuated to be in violation of something it becomes personal. I will include a copy of letters to the leader to be taken into consideratio as well.

Mr Taker speaks of water quality and bases his main concern on it yet their own water study concluded their result as " IDEAL " and overall results - an exceptionally prestine lake !!! This is from their own study.

So if he says trailers are an issue, where are his facts to back it up. What ticks me off is he tries to put forth the issue that all trailers can potentially harm the lake and comes up with a number of trailers with no concern if they even have the capability of being used to polute the lake or if they are hunt camps or used for storage . He

just wants numbers.

Now for the kicker, he tries to influence council with the almighty tax grab to push his ideas through. He hopes council will be blinded with extra tax dollars. Well as a property owner, i pay my taxes on my land that I have my trailer on and I pay taxes on property that I have nothing on . So the township is getting money from me and all the other owners that have property that they have trailers sitting on.

He comes up with North Frontenac twp. as the one township that he has found that taxes trailers. If there were more I beleive he would have listed them, he just could not find any more twps. that would back something as bad as what he is proposing. That shows that what he is asking is ridiculus to the rest of the twps. or they would have jumped on the tax wagon also. This twp. does not need a tax that goes after the campers in this area for the benefit of a few people. Would you as members of council want to see your friends, relatives or grandchildern pay taxes to have a trailer on your property, and think of the number of voters and their friends who would be upset if this happened.

Respectfully I ask that council his proposal in full.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Weckwerth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Murray Weckwerth

Lake Clear

the end. It is a new beginning, and hopefully, the start of a wonderful new chapter.

Letter

Lake Clear trailers only a potential problem

Dear Editor:

In Mr. Taker's letter of August 30th, he stated that council needed a definitive proposal. He also likes to use the word Potential as to his count of trailers harming the water of the lake.

Here is a dictionary definition of potential. Potential: *capable of being but not yet in existence.*

What council got is potential problems from Mr. Taker, which means they are not yet in existence and therefore not definitive.

So that to me means that all the trailer problems on the lake are not yet existing and until he can prove each and every trailer on the lake has a definitive problem then no matter how many trailers he has counted under the word potential are not an existing problem.

When Mr. Taker counted the trailers on my lot he had me down for 2 that did not exist. I corrected him on it but I wonder how many others that don't exist are in his numbers.

At a private cottage meeting with Mr. Taker he was told that six trailers in our area were not used for camping but for storage and hunting and that they would not be providing any grey or black water that would harm the lake.

Did he reduce his numbers by six? I don't think so, as his numbers now increased to 57.

I believe that he had to get his numbers up by counting every trailer he sees as a potential risk not a definitive risk but there again he does not go around asking what they are used

for or how their waste is disposed of.

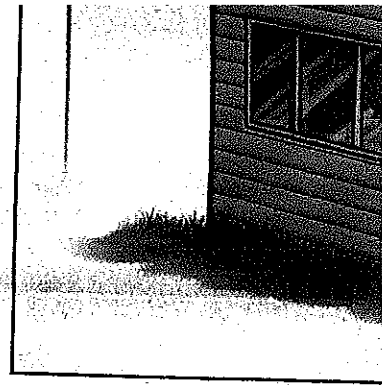
As to the potential increase of phosphate on the lake, if you look at the number of days out of the year spent in trailers and cottages compared to the number of days spent in homes on the lake if everyone is looking after their waste properly which group spends the most time on the lake, which group will impact the lake the most, do the math.

I agree with Mr. Kaddatz statement that the LCPOA has transformed into an authoritarian organization trying to dictate acceptable-use policies for land users.

I am also upset that this association would drive around the lake invading the privacy of everyone by taking pictures of our places. We had visitors from Sarnia who had children ages seven and nine both girls playing at the water's edge when along comes this pontoon boat taking photos. They were very upset that a man was taking photos of their little girls in bathing suits. I know that they were taking photos of trailers and not the kids and had to explain to them that it was for that reason. They were still very angry and took that experience home with them. Good work LCPO. Think of the headlines in the paper that could have been the outcome of this action.

Now back to the main issue. Since potential means not yet in existence, then by definition we don't have a definitive trailer problem and council should reject the total proposal.

Murray Weckwerth,
Lake Clear



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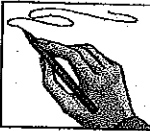
My faithful typist, Nora, is a lady willing to face any challenge, but my wobbly handwriting is starting to take its toll. The word novitiate in a recent article almost stumped her because she was not familiar with the word, and asked me what it was.

I told her it was a place where young boys go to become holy. Her next remark was, "I gather you didn't stay there very long."

My short memory tells me I started an article a few months ago and ran out of space before finishing it. I recall something about three different groups studying the heavenly planets in outer space, searching for different information. Somehow, as they release the results of their studies the three groups seem to be blending in an unusual way that we never before witnessed, proof that our world is really getting better, in spite of the Trump thunder and the insane happenings in some countries in the Eastern World.

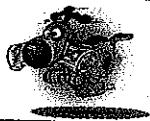
As the astronomers discover whole new constellations of huge planets, immediately the scientists are probing for signs of life and are baffled by the tremendous distance between them, and the amazing order in the Universe. This is welcome news for the Theologians and Sky-Pilots because it proves beyond a shadow of a doubt the existence of a Higher Power, one far more powerful than Mr. Trump and the insane leader and trouble maker in North Korea.

What I find strange and sad about the Eastern World is that many of the leaders are so corrupt they have lost the meaning of the word mercy when dealing with their own subjects and replaced it with brutality. One of the smallest



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The Edge



Letters

Sneaky move by Lake Clear association

Dear Editor:
Re: Trailers on Lake Clear

Having read the May 17 edition of the *Leader* where Mr. Taker has put an issue forward to the members of Bonnechere Valley council saying the increase of trailers has sparked concern from the Lake Clear Property Owners' Association (LCPOA) I was surprised as I have not heard of any discussion that included the members of the LCPOA to see what they thought or even put it on the agenda so every member had a chance to speak and hear all the facts before it went to council.

I think this move was both sneaky and underhanded by certain people who think their ideas are the only ones that matter and to hell what the rest of the members think to get this issue pushed through council.

Why were the LCPOA members with trailers not contacted? Why was it not brought up at the general meeting, and why most of all, did it go to council without the membership being informed?

To me when I read the *Leader* it was as though Mr. Taker implied that he

had the membership behind him on this issue and that was how it was presented to council.

I have trailers on my property. I have no right-of-way and due to the official plan I personally have no other option but to have a trailer as I can not get any permits from the township.

I own 27 acres that I pay taxes on and most are waterfront. I have three trailers (family, not rentals) that are camped in. Each trailer has its own outhouse and leaching pit. One trailer is used for 7 to 10 days; one for a week and a few weekends; one I try to spend two to three months of the summer at. How is the lake impacted?

Had the question been asked I could explain the usage of my trailers which were inspected, and passed by the township for waste water as well as sewage. I have one usable trailer for every nine acres of land that I own.

June 7th I boated around the lake and found 29 trailers. Some were in backyards. Where are these "about 50 trailers" on waterfront properties that "might be" impacting the lake?

I am so disappointed right now with how this issue was handled that I am

debating my membership with the LCPOA. I think the rest of the members should also take note on how this issue was put forth to council without input from the general membership. I am pleased that council is taking time to look into all facts that pertain to this as well.

My family have always enjoyed the lake. If you don't like the looks of a trailer on the lake, don't take it out on the people who can't afford or aren't allowed to build a cottage to enjoy the lake. After all, what is true camping and cottaging about? I hope the day never comes when someone tries to push "we don't want motors on boats, no docks", or "remove all boathouses from the lake because we don't like them."

Restrictions on how long we can have something on our property! Are you kidding?

'Enough is enough' seems to be the catch phrase these days.

I was a happy camper until this BS started.

Murray Weckwerth,
Member of LCPOA,
Lake Clear

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Lake Clear group is misguided on trailers

Dear Editor:

Once again the Lake Clear Property Owners Association (LCPOA) is trying to force the opinions of a few on the property owners of Lake Clear. They are now lobbying Bonnechere Valley council to pass a by-law to limit and apply restrictions on the usage of travel/camper trailers on Lake Clear properties.

Under the guise of concern for the lake's capacity for septic disposal and set back, they have targeted a set of property owners and seemingly choose to ignore the fact that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ministry of Environment, and BV Township already have existing policies in place to control capacity of the lake -- the most predominant being the inability to further subdivide lots, thereby limiting future growth.

This proposal is the initiative of select individuals who wish to restrict what their neighbours can do, provided they themselves remain unaffected. Camper trailers have holding tanks and the means to empty them, and there are existing rules applicable to the installation of septic systems. The LCPOA is proposing enacting permits and health unit verification for trailer waste disposal, yet ignoring the potential use of composting toilets, as well as the age, condition and capacity of septic and holding tanks for existing cottages and homes. The group also ignores the fact the MNR-sanctioned campsites on islands have simple privies (a hole in the ground), and pontoon boats can have porta-potties. If the group is so concerned for the health of the lake, why not request regulations and proof for each of these as well?

They claim harm will come from a few trailers that are being used for a

few weeks or weekends a summer, yet ignore the number of seasonal buildings that have converted to permanent homes and the community of fish shacks that occupy the lake for most of the winter. Will they single out and target one of these next for regulation? They suggest restricting multiple trailers on a lot, but do not even consider the size of the lot or lakeshore frontage on which they are situated.

Will they equally oppose existing bunkhouses and sleep lofts over boat houses and garages in the future? Is there a difference between the septic load created by guests sleeping in a camper trailer over those staying in a sleep cabin or loft?

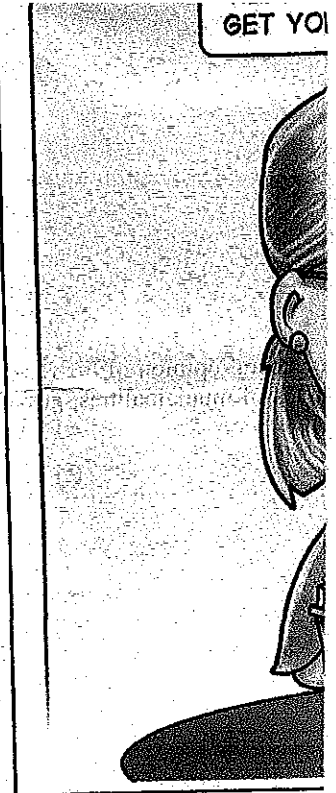
Once an informative group that reported on and promoted the beauty of Lake Clear, the LCPOA has now fully transformed into an authoritarian organization trying to dictate acceptable-use policies for land owners.

I would suggest to the LCPOA being this aggressive will hurt membership. I once belonged to this organization, but am personally tired of them trying to control what others -- including myself -- can do with the property that we bought and pay taxes on.

I would urge anyone who has an interest in Lake Clear to be sure to attend the council meeting which is unfortunately and inconveniently scheduled on September 19th, (Tuesday) a weekday afternoon after most seasonal residents have gone home.

To the members of LCPOA not affected by this current proposal, I suggest you seriously consider whether you want to continue funding an organization that may one day choose you as its next target!

Carl Kaddatz
Lake Clear



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I believe the word etern describes something that can be measured. I have heard it c immeasurable period of tim was here before time began. be here long after the end of us mortals whose life on ear to an end.

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