

October 23, 2023

Municipality of Temagami – Mayor and Council

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Mayor and Council

We are writing on behalf of many residents from the White Bear Estate properties. We had a neighbourhood meeting Sunday October 22, 2023 at 3 pm at our property; 33 White Bear Court (formerly 24 White Bear Court). We brought forward some very serious concerns we have with our properties and their position on the MNRF Atlas Map indicating Crown lands in Ontario. According to said maps, the water frontage of approximately 95% of our properties is deemed Crown Land in the eyes of the MNRF. This was brought to our attention when we were inquiring about the sale of a small piece of Municipality road allowance adjacent to our property between lots 23 and 24 in the White Bear Estates. The MNRF said that it was not public knowledge when an application is put forward for the sale of Crown Land and they will sell anything they wish to without public involvement and to reference the Atlas Map. This is very concerning to many residents, not only with the threat of them selling property in front of us, but the congestion moving north from the south where residents on Lake Simcoe, Georgian Bay, experiencing people pulling up and parking in front of their properties and can stay for up to 21 days without interference. We often say that “this will never happen here” but it is happening and has happened to us. We had a couple of men build a fire on our property at the waters edge and when we asked them to leave, the indicated they didn’t realize this was private property and thought it was Crown Land. We were fortunate they left without incident, but that could have been different.

We have the Patents for the properties we are discussing and all of our legal surveys showing we own to the Regulated Water’s Edge and this is where our request to council comes in. We are asking for your help to have the MNRF fix their Atlas Map so those looking to come to Temagami and Camp on Crown land do not look at that map and pitch their tent on someone’s private property. All we are asking is to have the Municipality, a member of the White Bear Estates property owners and our Planner work with the MNRF to fix their lines on the Atlas Map.

Please see the map at:

<https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/CLUPA/index.html?viewer=CLUPA.CLUPA&locale=en-CA>

At the same time, we are also objecting to the sale of the small piece between Lots 23 and 24 White Bear Court. There is no PIN number associated with that property and on

the Geo Mapping it is recorded as being registered to the Municipality of Temagami as road allowance and should not be for sale as Crown Land as indicated by the applicant and the MNRF. It is also not large enough to even construct a driveway with proper size and line of sight in order to access from the roadway. It is unsafe and the water is extremely shallow in that bay. In order to get out deep enough to park a boat, the dock would have to cross over the existing property lines or dredging would be needed. The neighbours are definitely not in favour of the latter since erosion on that shoreline is already a problem.

We are leaving for the winter on October 27th but would like to arrange a meeting through Zoom or by phone with anyone on council to further discuss this and if it is better to bring this up at a Council Meeting, we would like to be put on the next council meeting agenda.

Thank you for your consideration and hopefully your help to protect our properties and lakes.

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