

Dear Committee of the
Whole,

It is our understanding that
at the meeting this coming
Tuesday a report from the
planner will be presented on
the business front for
Mr. Stephen Simpson's UDT
Scuba Diving School.

We are not certain what
recommendations the
committee will make to
council for their November
22 meeting, but we would
like to take this opportunity
to express our concerns on
the matter.

Let it be known that we have
lived in this small four home
residential community
located on Guppy rd. for 17
yrs. We, like our other
neighbours, moved here not

only because of the beautiful lake view, but because it is the perfect quiet, safe neighbourhood to raise our children.

None of us invested our hard earned money to purchase lakefront property on a four home private road to have a commercial business set up beside us.

As mentioned we live on a privately maintained road, and as such, we cover all maintenance costs from snowplowing to road grading. If such a business were to be allowed, not only would the increased traffic raise our maintenance costs but also the safety factor for our children, grandchildren and pets. While the Simpson residence is in the progress

of building a new access road through Title Insurance where the road was originally planned to be, it runs across the ends of everyone's lots here and ties into our existing road less than half way to the highway. This still being the only legal access to all properties on Guppy rd, we still have an insurance liability issue, a safety factor and maintenance issue. Under the home industry by-law 7.3.9 in R2 residential areas, business is allowed "in" and only inside a home. This proposed business will operate both inside schooling and outside training. Rezoning of the property is needed to allow such school/training

facilities to exist.

It is also a narrow water channel in front of the Simpson property, that once in water training occurs and a diver down marker is put out, under the Canada Safe Boating Coarse regulations, all boat traffic must remain 328 feet away in all directions. But the channel is only 200 feet across at best, essentially blocking off half of the lake to boat traffic and putting the students as well as boat owners in a situation of not only safety but legal worries as well.

All of the home owners here have a major concern of devaluation of our properties. Everyone invests into their home expecting

their value to increase over time. What will happen to the value of our lakefront properties if there is a school/trading facility beside it?? Will the township be willing to compensate for any loss in value?

That being said, I believe this scuba school/training facility could be an asset to this small town, if it were to be located in a more appropriate location.

We are all for developing new business in this town, but in the proper way and in the proper place. There is plenty of commercial property for sale in this municipality to set up a commercial business other than in a small residential area.

The other two properties on Guppy rd have also expressed written concern to the municipality about a commercial school operating in such a small R2 residential area, and we hope their written submissions are presented here as well.

Thank you all for you time and we pray that you will take all of us into consideration.

Steve and Nancy Prescott