

Delegation #2

Monica Hawkins

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Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 1:43 PM
To: Monica Hawkins
Cc: Greg Kirton; 'Adam Wood'; 'Andrew Gray'; 'don Goulet'
Subject: Hemlock Island Road Closures

Hi Monica,

I understand that the application to close the road allowances in front of my clients' properties on Hemlock Island has been deferred to the November 12, 2019 Council meeting. Unfortunately, due to the unfortunate timing of my wedding anniversary, I was unable to attend last night's meeting. I am requesting to be added to a delegation at your November 12th meeting or whenever the application is brought back to Council. Unless necessary, the delegation will be to simply answer any outstanding concerns a councilor may have prior to the vote occurring.

Please let me know if my delegation request has been approved and the date of the meeting.

Regards,

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Good evening Mayor Rochefort, Deputy Mayor Voyer, and Council members.

As you are aware this process started for my wife and I in May with an application to purchase the shoreline road allowance in front of our Hemlock Island cottage. Over the last six months we have attended both planning and council meetings where we have had this decision delayed or deferred on three separate occasions.

During that time period we have sat quietly while being made, by certain individuals, to feel like what we were asking for was wrong. We have listened to you being lied to about the safety of the interior of Hemlock island. This land is privately owned, and therefore of no bearing or importance on this application whatsoever.

We have been told outside these meetings to "just build what you want and no one will say anything", and asked "why we would want to change something that does not need changing." The answer is simple. There are policies that allow this purchase. There are rules and bylaws that prohibit anyone from building on land that is not owned by them. The reason we are doing it this way is simple, we are choosing to follow the rules.

We are trying to do this the right way. In my line of work we have policies that we follow. These were made for a reason and as guidance for future decisions. In this case you have policies as well.

By-Law 2015-35 outlines the procedure, and section 4.20 of the townships official plan states the policy. The planning department recommends closure, and the conservation authority has no objection to it. You yourselves as council passed resolution 2019-259 giving direction to treat island properties the same as mainline properties.

What we are asking for, although emotional for those involved, is not wrong, and falls directly in the middle of existing By-laws, policies, and precedence already established.

Although we are fully aware that this decision is yours to make as you see fit, we respectfully request that you approve our application. We would like to put this experience behind us and move forward as members of an island community in which we are proud to be a part of.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A Wood".

Caroline Wood

Adam and Caroline Wood