

*Enjoying the beaches,  
the breathtaking view of Georgian Bay is threatened !*

Are you aware that a “**current application**” has been posted in a local newspaper to get “**absolute title**” of a waterfront property to the water’s edge ?

A waterfront owner just South of the 17th Concession near a Township park is taking a final step to privatize his section of the shoreline. This is the first case for privatization known to us, but if successful, we expect there will be many more.

The land owner has already received a Boundary Act decision which extends his boundaries to the water’s edge and is now applying under the Lands Title Act to get clear title. If successful, he will then be within his rights to keep anyone off his property. Neither neighbours nor visitors nor local residents will be able to walk the shoreline and enjoy the beautiful views of Georgian Bay.

*It is not surprising that the property owner has chosen this timing in winter to make his application when seasonal residents are not around and many permanent residents are away or be less likely to expect such a process to occur.*

Whether or not a specific shoreline property is used regularly by the general public, the effect of privatization will impact the entire Township for shoreline residents as well as inland residents. Even without clear title, those who have applied for boundary changes have acted as if absolute owners and have erected fences, bullied neighbours and the general public.

*Time is of essence since the deadline to object to this application is February 9, 2009.* We would also like to hear from residents who have walked or used the beach in that vicinity.

**Save the Beaches has taken up the cause to find a way to object to this application given the belief all shoreline should be accessible to the public.** We now have contacted Municipal Council and Provincial Government Ministeries and encourage you to voice your opinion to them as well.

We invite YOU to express your interest along with SAVE THE BEACHES by contacting Donna Ebers..322 0848 [debers@rogers.com](mailto:debers@rogers.com)  
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