

January 31, 2007

The Honourable Michael J. Bryant
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2K1

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Re: Beach Access Mediation - Tiny Township

Please find enclosed a letter written to the Midland Free Press, with regards to an article January 26, 2007 "Wind of Change", also attached.

It remains apparent to Tiny residents that Tiny Township Council has no interest in solving the beach access issue, or to work with it's residents to find an amicable solution. Comments made by our Mayor Breckenridge to the Free Press article make it clear that she is taking sides on this issue regarding private ownership, and that she does not take into consideration historical and traditional use. Her views do not represent the majority of Tiny Township residents in this matter.

The residents of Tiny Township once again has an elected Council, which was supported and backed by the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Association (FoTTSA), and Tiny Resident's Working Together (T.R.W.T.), through advertising and articles in the their respective publications, The Tiny Cottager and Tiny Ties. These newspapers are distributed to all Township property owners via Canada Post and to my knowledge this advertising expense has never been claimed as an election expense by any of the candidates who have received this special interest from these organizations in the past. This continuing assistance by these organizations to "special interest group slate of candidates" makes it very difficult for any independent candidates to be elected in our Township.

The beach access problem has been ongoing in Tiny Township for approximately 15 years, and the residents of Tiny appreciate past assistance by the Attorney General's office, however, this issue is ongoing and access continues to become more restrictive to the public through added Tiny Township parking restrictions and outrageous parking fine fees (\$60++) and additional posting of signage, and applications for boundary changes and consequently, the building of the first fence on a property at Balm Beach. Tiny beaches are becoming more and more exclusive to the waterfront residents while the rights of Tiny residents and the public to continued historic and traditional use are being ignored.

I ask once again that you follow up on this matter. Public use has been long-standing in Tiny Township and I request that the Attorney General's office act to protect the rights of the public to continued use and access to the beaches of Tiny Township.

Sincerely

Donna Ebers
A Director of Save the Beaches

Attachments