

**SAVE THE BEACHES INC.**

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Hon. Ted McMeekin,  
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Dear Minister McMeekin,

Your office has been made aware numerous times in the past of concerns in Tiny Township regarding the creeping privatization of our shoreline which has historically been accessible to the public. The first step of this process is the application by waterfront property owners under the Boundaries Act to have their boundaries extended to the water’s edge. Although it is unfortunate that this is allowed to happen, this action alone does not technically result in full privatization. We understand that to achieve this, an application has to be made for clear title under the Land Titles Act.

This next step has started and the first deadline is February 9, 2009. (see attached notice)

A waterfront owner in our Township has applied for clear title and we fear, if they were to be successful, that this could be the start of a very disturbing trend which would not be in the best interest of the citizens of and visitors to this province.

We understand that the legislature has given first reading to a private member’s bill, the Great Lakes Shoreline Right of Passage Act, 2008, Bill M43. We sincerely hope that this Bill will receive second reading and will be passed to committee where a good debate can take place regarding the public use of our shorelines.

At this time, we respectfully ask that you suspend all hearings, or, failing that, all decisions regarding privatization of our shorelines until Bill M43 has been fully considered by the legislature.

Sincerely,

Don D’Aoust, President  
Save the Beaches.

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