

Newsletter

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In May and June of this year a fence was constructed on the beach at Balm Beach. The owner of the fence has applied for and received a decision to have the boundaries of his property extend to the water's edge but clear title for this piece of property has not been applied for under the Land Titles Act. The erection of this fence and the possibility of others to follow would severely restrict the historic public access and use of the beach. PUBB is a group of concerned citizens who, with help from Save the Beaches, is dedicated to find a legal means to have the fence removed and prevent any others from being built.

A few of the many issues you may want to consider:

- The public deserves the right to maintain historical use to all of the Balm Beach shoreline.
- Even if you don't own property at Balm Beach, the erection of fencing will affect your use and enjoyment of the beach.
- Fewer people being able to access Balm Beach will directly affect businesses in the area

What's been done so far on your behalf by PUBB:

- A public meeting has been held to inform residents of the situation.
- A lawyer has been retained
- Correspondence has been initiated with the Township and various Provincial and Federal Ministries and Departments
- Over 70 notarized affidavits have been collected to prove the historic public use of Balm Beach
- Over 130 Appendix E forms have been collected. These forms are official objector forms to be used during the Land Titles application process.
- Over 600 signatures have been collected on a petition objecting to the construction of the fencing
- Weekly meetings of PUBB have been convened.
- Fund raising activities have been organized

What can you do:

- Write a letter to the Attorney General (Ontario Attorney General, Hon, Michael Bryant, Ministry of the Attorney General, 720 Bay St., 11th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5G 2K1) stating your concerns about the erection of the fence and the restriction of public use and access.
- Fill in and sign an Affidavit and Appendix E form
- Sign the petition
- Donate to PUBB
- Volunteer
- Support the Fundraisers
- All forms are available and donations can be made at Lesperance's Garage, The Balm Beach Resort and Sunport Beach Resort