



## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

### RESOLUTION

Date: May 9, 2023

Motion # 132

**WHEREAS** some proponents of water aerodromes claim federal jurisdiction to bypass provincial and municipal authorities and build massive docks and boathouses under the guise of the Aeronautics Act;

**AND WHEREAS** Transport Canada does not require proponents of water aerodromes to follow the same registration and certification procedures as land aerodromes;

**AND WHEREAS** Transport Canada's current regulations for water aerodromes fail to state that mixed-use docks and structures are not permitted;

**AND WHEREAS** Transport Canada does not require a proponent to be transparent with local authorities about their intentions or submit a building permit and final construction plans;

**AND WHEREAS** Transport Canada does not require a proponent to provide the municipality with a copy of the water aerodrome registration or certification documents;

**AND WHEREAS** Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without environmental impact assessments from provincial and municipal authorities;

**AND WHEREAS** Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without safety assessments from local authorities;

**AND WHEREAS** Transport Canada's loopholes in the regulations lead to lengthy court battles paid by provincial and municipal jurisdictions.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour supports efforts to raise awareness about the loopholes in current regulations regarding water aerodromes that allow proponents to build massive docks and boathouses without municipal consultation, approval, or adherence to bylaws and regulations.

**AND FURTHERMORE**, The Council of the Township of Armour endorses the letter from the Three Mile Lake Community Club Inc. and calls on Transport Canada to:

- Amend current legislation regarding water aerodromes to require mandatory consultation and transparency with provincial and municipal authorities prior to construction.
- State that 'mixed-use' docks and structures will not be permitted.

**AND FURTHERMORE**, the Council of the Township of Armour urges all mentioned in this resolution to support petition e-4364 to the Minister of Transport, Omar Alghabra.

Petition e-4364 - Petitions (ourcommons.ca)

**AND FURTHERMORE**, be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to neighbouring municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marcus Powlowski (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Ontario), Graydon Smith MPP.

**Moved by:**

- Blakelock, Rod
- Brandt, Jerry
- Haggart-Davis, Dorothy
- Ward, Rod
- Whitwell, Wendy

**Seconded by:**

- Blakelock, Rod
- Brandt, Jerry
- Haggart-Davis, Dorothy
- Ward, Rod
- Whitwell, Wendy

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**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:**

**Recorded vote requested by:**

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod

Brandt, Jerry

Haggart-Davis, Dorothy

Ward, Rod

Whitwell, Wendy

For

Opposed