



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Ice Fishing at 1582 Bruce Road 1**

**Prepared By: Matt Farrell, Manager of Building and Planning**

**Department: Building and Planning**

**Date: Mar. 1, 2021**

**Report Number: BLDG-2021-03-8**

**File Number:**

**400 Reports**

### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number BLDG2021-03-8 prepared by Matt Farrell, Building and Planning Manager/CBO

### **Background:**

A concern was brought forward during New Business at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting about the owner of the above-noted property charging individuals for access through their property onto Silver Lake in order to ice fish. We have also reached out to a few of the residents in that area for further details.

### **Discussion:**

From the details we have on this matter, the solicitor provided the following information indicating that the use is not in contravention with the Township of Huron-Kinloss Comprehensive Zoning By-Law.

“One of the issues is that the “use” (ice fishing) is not taking place on the property. The property is at most just being used as an access point. If one user or family rents the place for a day and then ice fishes, it complies with the by-law.

If instead the owner was renting to multiple different parties on the same day, and they were all retreating to the house for lunch, it would start to look more like a fishing lodge and the answer might be different. However, based on the information we have it doesn't seem to reach that point.

Unless future monitoring turns up more information, there is not a basis for prosecution.”

We will continue to monitor activity on this property.

**Financial Impacts:**

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Matt Farrell, Manager of Building and Planning

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer