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To: Kelly Lush; Mike Fair
Subject: RE: Inquiry re Boiler Beach Road changes

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To: Kelly Lush <klush@huronkinloss.com>
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Attention : Mitch Twolan, Don Murray, Mike Fair, John Youngblud

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opinion about proposals to fix the Boiler Beach traffic problem.

First, let me say that the traffic issue on Boiler Beach is a 2-3 month problem. Last summer, for example, there were only a handful of days where the road was busy and parking full. As the beach has deteriorated at the north end of Boiler Beach, the volume of beachgoing traffic has noticeably decreased.

For example, as I write, it is a perfect day to be at the beach, yet there are still parking spots available along the Road. No crowds, not even on a hot weekend in June!

The truth is, the beach is much better to the south. The upside is that there are more natural parking areas to the south. For example, the area where there used to be cottages on the lakeside could be utilized for parking, for picnicking, and swimming. The trees are further from the road in this area as well. I don't want to solve the problem by sending the traffic south. I am just pointing out that given the current rocky beach, Boiler Beach is not the beach of choice that it once was.

That said, no matter where beachgoers hang out, the traffic issue is generally a two month problem. It concerns me that some of the solutions, One Way roads, for example, provide a year round solution to a short term problem, and ultimately this penalizes those who live here year round.

There are other approaches. It seems strange to me that the speed limit is 40 on the narrowest parts of the Boiler Beach Road, the same speed limit as Penetangore Road, which is a much broader street, without the visual restrictions of Boiler Beach. Why not consider a summer 30 km speed limit for at least part of Boiler Beach? At 30 km/hr, traffic would move along at 40 -not 50 or 60. Some enforcement would also make a difference. Rarely do I see officers on Boiler Beach. And when I do, it is rarely during peak times.

I have noticed as I have biked through other beach towns that there is often limited parking right at the beach, and beach goers have to deal with that reality. Perhaps designated parking should be created and no parking signs posted where parking is not a safe option. Allowing motorists to park wherever, and however they wish, contributes to the congestion in the summer months.

Another idea would be to place temporary speed bumps along the most congested areas in the

summer. Someone mentioned the liability issues connected with this. But speed bumps are used in parking lots, and many cities use sleeping policemen to slow traffic. Personally, I would rather this, then have to deal with a one way road that would force drivers to go north every time they wanted to go south and not just for two months of the year.

I have heard a rumour that a bike lane might be put in on the east side of Boiler Beach Road. The bike lane would cross 29 driveways between Aintree and Huronville. Most bikers, myself included, would not use a bike lane that requires them to bounce over driveways on their way down Boiler Beach. Plus, one has to really question whether this would enhance biker safety. A bike lane as space permits on the west side makes more sense. But again, we are talking about a 2-3 month problem that I don't think a bike lane would solve.

How much input will the residents of Boiler Beach have moving forward? I hope we will have opportunities for dialogue. We would welcome further opportunities for consultation. Thank you for all the county does to maintain our roads and to beautify the township.

Regards,
Marilyn Wadge

By the way, on another matter...would it be possible to replace the tennis net at the court at the top of Huronville Road. It is in very bad shape. Thanks for considering this as well.