



October 27, 2023

Via email: TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca

Minister of Transport Canada
5th Floor 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Hon. Pablo Rodriguez,

Re: Floating Accommodations

At the meeting of October 23, 2023, the Council of the Town of Huntsville adopted the following resolution in support of the Township of Lake of Bays Resolution #B(a)/04-12-22 and Township of Georgian Bay Motion C-2022-164 and C-2023-157 on Floating Accommodations:

Motion 222-23

Moved by Monty Clouthier, seconded by Helena Renwick

WHEREAS: the Township of Georgian Bay and the Township of Lake of Bays has identified concerns with Floating Accommodations.

AND WHEREAS: the Township of Georgian Bay and the Township of Lake of Bays has requested that Transport Canada address the issue;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Town of Huntsville supports Township of Lake of Bays Resolution #B(a)/04-12-22 and Township of Georgian Bay Motion C-2022-164 and C-2023-157;

AND FURTHER THAT: Council hereby directs staff to forward this Resolution to the Minister of Transport, the Premier of Ontario, Scott Aitchison - MP, Graydon Smith - MPP, Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario (Township of Lake of Bays Resolution to be included in this correspondence).

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the Lake of Bays resolution for your reference as well.

Yours truly,


Jessica Boyes
Deputy Clerk

Copy to: Premier of Ontario
Scott Aitchison – MP
Graydon Smith – MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Municipalities in Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
Council Meeting

RESOLUTION #8(a)/04/12/22
NO.:

MOVED
BY:



DATE: April 12, 2022

SECONDED
BY:



WHEREAS floating accommodations have become a growing concern in that they will affect the environment, character, tranquillity and the overall enjoyment of Lake of Bays and regulating these floating accommodations is a top priority for the Township of Lake of Bays;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that Transport Canada amend the Canada Shipping Act 2001 by adding the following to the Act:

- All vessel greywater be discharged into a holding tank and disposed of as per Provincial regulations for new vessels; and
- All floating accommodations are required to conform to all Provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to include the following:

- Post signs to restrict floating accommodation/camping on the water in southern Ontario (Muskoka ~~south~~) and that a permit from the NDMNRF is required and a permit will not be granted without the consent of the local municipality;
- Camping is reduced from 21 days to 7 days;
- Not permit any camping on the water within 300m of a developed lot or within a narrow water body of 150m; and
- Should a municipality have more restrictive by-laws related to camping, these by-laws would apply.

AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby directs the Clerk to forward this resolution to the Minister of Transport Canada, the Premier of Ontario, Scott Aitchison, MP, Norm Miller, MPP, Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF), Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

RECORDED VOTE	Yeas	Nays
Councillor Mike Peppard		
Councillor Robert Lacroix		
Councillor Nancy Tapley		
Councillor Rick Brooks		
Councillor George Anderson		
Councillor Jacqueline Godard		
Mayor Terry Glover		

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Postponed to:

☐ Lost

MAYOR



Terry Glover