

**Jack Lake Boat Launch 52A**

**From: Doug Bassett**

To: Kelly Picken

Wed 2025-03-12 10:11 PM

I agree with the Jack Lake Association that this boat launch should not be closed!

Doug and Sandy Bassett

**From:** Brian & Mary Ann Bell

**Sent:** March 11, 2025 4:00 PM

**To:** Connie Parent <C.Parent@northkawartha.ca>

**Cc:** Brian & Mary Ann Bell

**Subject:** Re: Jack Lake Community Boat Launch

We are registering our objection to selling the Jack Lake Community Boat Launch on 52A, as it services many cottages on Sharpes Bay for emergencies, and for launching our boats.

This will add so much overcrowding, and confusion, at the other two launch areas at Glen Forest and Anchorage Marinas.

We feel that North Kawartha township MUST retain ownership of the Jack Lake Community Boat Launch.

Thank you for your consideration

Mary Ann and Brian Bell

**From:** James Bittner

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 4:17 PM

**To:** c.parent@northkawartha.ca <c.parent@northkawartha.ca>

**Subject:** Fire Route 52 # 255 Property

Good afternoon,

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the recent motion to declare the Fire Route 52 #255 property as surplus, making it available for sale.

For three generations—spanning over 50 years—my family, along with our immediate neighbors, have respectfully used and maintained the boat launch and surrounding area without issue. This space has been an integral part of our community, and its loss would have a significant negative impact on local residents.

The idea that a single property owner can exploit this launch for large-scale commercial construction, while disregarding the broader community's needs, is deeply concerning. Furthermore, if this property is sold, where do you propose emergency vehicles will be able to launch? Relying on the marina and navigating through the narrows in the event of an aquatic emergency is not a viable solution.

Despite formal surveys and community feedback presented in virtual meetings, it is disheartening to see these concerns ignored and for this motion to have reached this stage. I urge council to listen to the majority of property taxpayers, who I am confident share my position, and to reconsider this decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

James

**From:** stephaniebutler

**Sent:** March 11, 2025 3:45 PM

**To:** Connie Parent <C.Parent@northkawartha.ca>

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Warmest Regards,

Stephanie Butler

**Chris Fowler**

Tue 2025-03-11 3:05 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to formally register my objection to the declaration that this property is surplus and should be put up for sale.

This Launch has served the community since the early 1970's on the southern portion of Jack Lake and also facilitated emergency services for the entire lake and should in no way be considered surplus and should remain for the use of the township and its constituents.

I would like my objection recorded to any declaration that this property is surplus and any future sale.

Chris Fowler

**chris fowler |**

## **Jack Lake Community Boat Launch - Fire Route 52A**

**Melissa Lucas**

To: Kelly Picken

Cc: Connie Parent

Thu 2025-03-13 1:01 PM

Good afternoon,

I am writing in hopes that my objection to the sale of the community boat launch at FR52A will be heard.

This launch area has since the early 1970's service the needs of the Jack Lake community located on the south part of the lake (Sharpe's Bay) and also facilitates emergency services for the larger part of Jack Lake. This area is not just a surplus to the needs of the township or their constituents. This is a valuable entry way to the southern most part of the lake and the voices of those who regularly use it should be heard. This will greatly impact generations of families that live on, rent, and love the lake.

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Thank you,

Melissa and Matt Goheen

**From:** G Haas

**Sent:** March 4, 2025 4:05 PM

**To:** Carolyn Amyotte <[mayor@northkawartha.ca](mailto:mayor@northkawartha.ca)>; Jim Whelan <[dmayor@northkawartha.ca](mailto:dmayor@northkawartha.ca)>; Colin McLellan <[councillorw2@northkawartha.ca](mailto:councillorw2@northkawartha.ca)>; RuthAnne McIlmoyl <[councillor@northkawartha.ca](mailto:councillor@northkawartha.ca)>; Connie Parent <[C.Parent@northkawartha.ca](mailto:C.Parent@northkawartha.ca)>; Alana Solman <[A.Solman@northkawartha.ca](mailto:A.Solman@northkawartha.ca)>

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Gord Haas

FR52B

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## **Opposition to Sale of Sharpes Bay Public Boat Launch**

Derek Hoskins

To: Kelly Picken; Colin McLellan

Thu 2025-03-13 11:37 AM

Dear Deputy Clerk Kelly Pickens and Councilor Colin McLellan,

I am writing to express my concern over the potential sale of the Sharpes Bay public boat launch. I have been visiting Jack's Lake for 4 years, and it has become a place I truly cherish. Part of what makes this lake so special is the accessibility it provides to visitors like myself, as well as the local community.

This boat launch is an essential part of the lake experience, not only for recreational use but also for safety. I've seen firsthand how it has been used for emergency services and by property owners who depend on it for deliveries and lake access. Losing this public space would take away an important resource for those who love and rely on this lake and would be very disappointing.

I strongly urge you to keep the Sharpes Bay public boat launch open and accessible for all who enjoy Jack's Lake.

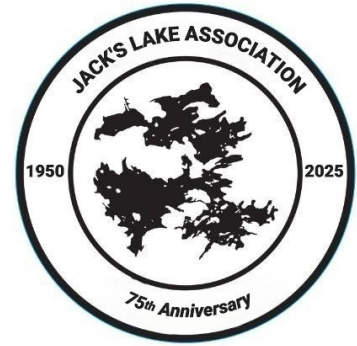
Sincerely,

**DEREK HOSKINS**

March 12, 2025

**Attn:** North Kawartha Township Council

Mayor Carolyn Amyotte  
Deputy Mayor Jim Whelan  
Councillor Colin McLellan  
Councillor Jim O'Shea  
Councillor RuthAnne McIlmoyl



**Re:** Classification of Jack Lake Boat Launch on Fire Route 52A as Surplus

Dear Mayor Amyotte and Members of North Kawartha Council,

On behalf of the Jack's Lake Association Board of Directors and our members, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed reclassification of the municipal boat launch at Sharpe's Bay on Jack Lake as surplus property.

We urge Council to reverse this decision. This launch is a critical public access point that serves not only lake residents and businesses but also emergency services, whose ability to respond swiftly to incidents on the lake depends on its continued operation.

This municipal boat launch is the only public access point to Jack Lake within North Kawartha Township and serves as the primary entry point for emergency responders, including fire, police, and paramedics, to reach the southern half of the lake (south of the Narrows).

In situations where every second counts—whether for a fire, a medical emergency, or a water rescue—the loss of this launch would severely impact response times and put lives at risk.

Beyond emergency response, this launch is heavily relied upon by:

- Utility and service providers who require water access to perform essential maintenance.
- Local businesses for seasonal boat and dock deliveries.
- Residents and visitors who depend on this site for safe and equitable lake access.

Furthermore, during periods of low water levels, the Narrows can become unsafe to navigate, cutting off the southern portion of the lake from the only other public access point at the northernmost end of the lake. In such cases, this boat launch becomes the

only viable access for emergency and essential services, as well as landowners with water access only properties.

Given these critical functions, we strongly believe that this is not surplus land but rather an essential community asset that should remain municipally owned and maintained. We urge Council to immediately reconsider and reverse this classification to ensure that public access and emergency response capabilities are not compromised.

However, if Council is unwilling to commit to reversing the decision at this time, we strongly request that any final decision be deferred until at least July 2025. This deferment would allow residents, taxpayers and stakeholders the opportunity to conduct further research, present their concerns in person, and explore alternative solutions to maintain public access to the southern basin of Jack Lake.

We trust that Council recognizes the importance of preserving this essential infrastructure for the safety and well-being of all Jack Lake residents, and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Jack's Lake Association Board of Directors

Erik Speed

Blake Steels

Andrew Semple

Nicholas Klein

Caitlin Quarry

**Janice Cornacchia**

**From:** Janice Cornacchia

**Date:** March 11, 2025 at 3:00:24 PM EDT

**To:** c.parent@northkawartha.ca

**Subject: Jack Lake Community Boat Launch Fire Route 52A**

This launch area has serviced the needs of the Jack Lake community for over 50 years since the early 1970's. Moreover, it has also facilitated emergency services for the larger part of Jack Lake. It is NOT surplus to the needs of the township nor their constituents.

Please record this written communication as my formal objection to the Township declaring this property as surplus lands and any future sale.

Janice Cornacchia

Property owner

**John Fanjoy**

To: Kelly Picken

Wed 2025-03-12 5:52 PM

Hello Kelly,

I want to add my voice to the concerns about the loss of the boat launch on 52A on Jack Lake. Our family has owned a cottage in Hatton Bay since 1986 and that boat launch is the only one I use. Closing that launch would greatly inconvenience everyone on the south end of the lake.

Forcing residents to travel to the marina will put added stress on Jake Lake Rd to the 4 corners, increase pollution with necessary driving and frankly disturb the wildlife that we all value greatly.

I for one wonder why this topic is even being discussed.

I support the JKCA and the good work they do and I hope you'll ensure that our voice is heard loudly in council.

Best regards

John Fanjoy

**Jack Lake Boat Launch FR52A**

**Bob Kempt**

To: Kelly Picken

Wed 2025-03-12 7:34 PM

We can't believe there is talk about selling the property where th boat launch is . Does the fire department and emergency people not need this boat launch also alot of local cottagers use this launch for putting there boats in

I truly hope this remains public property

Bob Kempt

**Bylaw to sell land in Sharpe's Bay, Jack's Lake**

**Robin Kilpatrick**

To: Kelly Picken

Thu 2025-03-13 2:35 PM

Our family property is at the east end of Sharpe's Bay. We oppose the proposal to sell the public land that provides access to this end of Jack's Lake. Jack's Lake is quite large; it is nearly 5 miles by boat to the public access in Brook's Bay; it is about 1 mile to the public launch in Sharpe's Bay. This provides faster access for emergency services and utilities workers and therefore is an asset to the many property owners in this part of the lake.

We encourage council to maintain this property and not declare it surplus.

Respectfully,

Robin Kilpatrick

**pattilucas**

To:Connie Parent;Kelly Picken;Carolyn Amyotte;Jim Whelan; "Colin McLellan" <councillorw2@northkawartha.ca>; "Jim O'Shea" <councillorw1@northkawartha.ca>; "RuthAnne McIlmoyl" <councillor@northkawartha.ca>

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**High importance**

Hello...

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For your convenience I am also including 1. a pdf which outlines the definitions of “surplus” along with long established and existing uses and of course requesting your reconsideration. 2. a pdf from North Kawartha Lakes Association requesting that council defer any further action on this issue until Jack Lake cottagers and potentially other lake representatives have an opportunity to be delegated to a future council meeting in early Summer 2025.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patti Lucas



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Thanks

**Ambrose Moran**

Jack Lake

cc List L-1 and L-2a NORKLA JLA

**From:** Zoltan Szoldatits  
**Sent:** March 4, 2025 1:44 PM  
**To:** Connie Parent <C.Parent@northkawartha.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Boat Launch - FR52

Good afternoon Connie,

I just watched the Council meeting today in connection with the Boat Launch FR52. I am very concerned there is no Township legal counsel present at the meeting correcting the Mayor's inaccurate representations about legal and prescriptive rights under Ontario law. Further I have electronically attended the multiple meetings on the subject matter since December 3, 2024 with no opportunity provided to allow North Kawartha Township constituents attending to speak. I wish to convey my input in the matter further to my original submission below when I first heard about it on December 2, 2024.

As noted in the letter of November 19, 2024 by legal counsel representing the Township, the conveyance of the subject lands to the Township was in satisfaction of parkland dedication. My understanding and that of numerous neighbours is that the subject property was deeded by Peterborough Lumber to the Township for use as a boat launch by the lot owners purchasing lots from Peterborough Lumber. I spoke with the former Peterborough Lumber CFO who confirmed the same. Again, I fail to understand how the Township can ignore the original intent of the land transfer and the wishes of the surrounding lot owners that were the intended beneficiaries as evidenced by its long standing historical use.

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I trust you will share this with Township Council. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email. Thank you.

Regards,

Zoltan Szoldatits

**Boat launch**

jim mc leod

To:Kelly Picken

Thu 2025-03-13 9:47 AM

I don't think the township should sell this property I've been launching my boat for 22 yrs and selling I don't think they should sell what about emergency service, fire ambulance etc have been using this space for years thanks Kelly jim mc leod

## **Selling Public Boat Launch on Jack Lake**

Jonathan Mitchell

To: Kelly Picken; Carolyn Amyotte; Jim Whelan; Colin McLellan; +2 others

Thu 2025-03-13 7:42 AM

Good Morning Mayor Amyotte and Esteemed Members of Council,

I'm writing to you today as I am very concerned with your intention to deem the public launch on Jack Lake a "surplus property" and put it up for sale. I am a property owner on the lake and our family has used this boat launch for 50+ years. Many of the owners who use this launch are in HBM not NK and may not even see this as they aren't even in the country at this time. Thankfully other community members alerted me to this issue.

I know this particular parcel of land has been discussed at length during council meetings since July 2024. It was being used for commercial purposes and you all took the side of the one landowner using it for commercial equipment.

**I would like to know the following:**

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- 2. How will you address the safety concerns and the increased time for Emergency Services, especially fire, to reach this area of the lake?**
- 3. Has anyone spoken to local business who use this boat launch regularly?**
- 4. What is your motivation behind this and why do you continue to ignore the concerns of cottage owners?**
- 5. Why can't this wait until the spring?**

I expect to see my email read into the meeting on March 18th and not ignored like many of my neighbours.

I would be happy to have a phone conversation with any one of you to discuss this important safety issue my phone number is below and you can reach out anytime.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

**Jonathan Mitchell**

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**Ambrose Moran**

Jack Lake

cc List L-1 and L-2a NORKLA JLA

On Wed, Mar 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM Robby O'Brien> wrote:

Hi Connie,

Hope you're keeping well.

Ambrose has been kindly keeping us in the loop on developments regarding the proposed sale of the boat launch on Fire Route 52A. I was disappointed to hear that the township has voted to move forward with the sale at this time.

I'm emailing to make further record of our objection to this sale, as laid out previously below.

We prefer the status quo. We do not agree that the boat launch is surplus land that warrants sale by the township. We believe a more frank rationale should be presented and discussed at a future meeting when cottagers can be present.

I.e., if the rationale is that this is a matter of the township requiring additional operating funds, or the township concern for potentially dangerous or nuisance use of the launch, or whatever the case may be - we believe these should be clearly presented so that we can brainstorm a range of options.

Thank you as always for all the work you do.

Robby O'Brien

From: Angela Ogden

To: Connie Parent; Kelly Picken; Keely-Anne Johnson

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to you today to express my concerns about the Boat launch potentially being sold. One issue is with the fact that all the cottagers would have to access the marinas early spring and late fall to take our boats in and out of the water. That is a high volume of watercraft especially when people own more than one watercraft. Not to mention that a number of outside fishermen utilize the lake for their enjoyment as well. Vehicles with boat trailers line either side of the road leading into the water any given day. I'm sure the trailer park people would not want all that volume of people.

The main issue I have is with regards to safety. There was a fire in the lower part of the lake, emergency services were able to get their sooner as they were able to drop their boats into the water at the boat launch. It takes approximately 15-20 mins depending on boat traffic to get from the marina, through the narrows to the lower part of Jack lake. Those minutes are valuable life saving minutes in a real emergency.

Is there any thought being given to creating another public boat launch that would service the lower end of the lake south of the narrows? Sharp's Bay is the largest part of the lake. Many cottagers utilize the boat launch on fireroute 52A. Why is the bylaw committee wanting to re-zone that area and put it up for sale? It has been in use since the 70s. Is there any thought to possibly charging a users fee if money is an issue for the town?

I am recording my objection to declaring this property as surplus and any future sale.

Angela and Terry Ogden

## Objection to Proposed Sale of Boat Launch on FR52A

pat.phillips

To: Kelly Picken

Cc: Carolyn Amyotte; Jim Whelan; Colin McLellan; +2 others

Thu 2025-03-13 3:29 PM

Dear Mayor Amyotte and Councillors,

I am registering my strong opposition to your vote to declare the boat launch property on FR52A as “surplus” with a recommendation to sell. As I’m sure you’re aware, there is nothing surplus about this property, and it is, in fact, essential.

Through this letter, I am requesting that Council not proceed with selling the boat launch, which is important for the use and enjoyment of our properties. More important, it is critical for facilitating emergency services to other island or non-road properties on a large section of lake within North Kawartha (NK) and Havelock Belmont Methuen (HBM).

This launch has been a valuable, shared community resource for more than 40 years and used by many on the lake – whether they are in NK or HBM. It is a critical access point for emergency services, fire, OPP, Hydro One, Bell Canada, etc. It is valued by many in the community as a place to launch pleasure boats (NOT industrial barges) and my family has been doing so since the 1970s. And should the property sell, what is to stop a new owner from erecting fences/gates or other barriers, which block any access by first responders?

It is also surprising that NK township didn’t bother to enforce its own bylaw banning commercial use when there was an onslaught of industrial barging, noise and off-gassing throughout the summer of 2024 -- despite numerous requests and complaints.

Then, without any consultation with or notification to residents, you essentially blindsided the community and declare the property “surplus.”

I believe this is not acting in good faith. In bylaw 2007-0106, it requires that the municipality, when carrying out the sale of its land, act in good faith. In addition, this recent decision at Council is a betrayal of an arrangement that has been in place for nearly 50 years and which benefits everyone on the lake – no matter where they are located.

### Issue of “Trespassing”

In addition, I noticed that in the *Peterborough Examiner* that Mayor Amyotte has rationalized the decision to sell the property by alleging that the launching cannot take place without trespassing on private property. My family cottage is on FR52A and I do not accept that I am trespassing by using this launch facility. It is important to understand the

implication of private roads that serve all the cottagers on Jack and other lakes in the township.

I can assure you there has never been even one accusation or legal action regarding trespassing regarding this property over more than four decades.

Any travel on private roads when accessing other properties does not equate to trespassing. If that were true then we would have to trespass to access our own properties. In fact, any real estate lawyer would identify this as a title defect and sales transactions over many years would not have closed.

Cottagers should have confidence in the many lawyers who gave their clients advice that they had the legal right to travel on private roads such as FR52 and FR52A.

I have reviewed the video of the last Council meeting and fully support the opinion of my neighbour Max Steinman that any moves to sell this property will lead to continued pushback and more contention going forward.

We need harmony and we need the respect of NK Council on this issue. I am joining my neighbours and others on the lake in asking all members of Council to NOT vote in favour of selling this valuable community resource and ensuring it remains as a valuable lake resource for years to come.

Yours truly

Pat Phillips

From: Steven Rendl

Subject: Property fire rte 52 # 255

Date: March 12, 2025 at 11:42:28 AM EDT

To: <c.parent@northkawartha.ca>

Dear Staff,

Re Jack Lake Community Boat Launch Fire Route 52A

This launch area has since early 70's serviced to needs of the Jack Lake community located on the south part of Jack Lake and also facilitated emergency services for larger part of Jack Lake and is not surplus to the needs of the township or their constituents.

I am recording my objection to declaring this property surplus and any future sale.

We can not understand how under any scenario, with multiple fire calls being serviced from this vital/essential boat launch last summer alone, how this can be deemed surplus without any meaningful input from the property tax payers that this protects.

Why, why, why does council still refuse to acknowledge the existing surveys and simply abide by their owns laws that have been passed and enforce the rules. The amount of time and energy spent here is verging on the ridiculous.

Looking forward to a very speeding reversal of this decision. I wonder what the legal implications would be of council cutting off emergency services when the next call comes in, and how each you would/could/should be held personally liable for any harm caused to people/property.

Kind regards,

Steve Rendl

**Theresa Savaia**

To: Kelly Picken

Wed 2025-03-12 8:54 PM

Good evening

I believe I have expressed my concern over this sale of land.

We do not have boat launch on our property as they took our space. I do not agree that this space should be sold.

If I do not have a say in this I will be extremely disappointed. This is another reason why I will sell my property if I don't have boat launch.

Theresa Savaia

**bob Selkirk**

To: Kelly Picken

Wed 2025-03-12 7:26 PM

This access could potentially be the difference in a “Life or death” situation for someone in peril on the lake.

Sent from my iPad



**Jack Lake Boat Launch FR52A**

Pauline Selkirk

To: Kelly Picken

Wed 2025-03-12 7:44 PM

Hi Kelly.

Our cottage is on 50A and the launch is very necessary for us and our neighbours. Should there be an emergency on the water on Sharpe's bay the only access would be from the launch for emergency services, it could be a matter of life and death.

The property owners on Fr 50 take care of the launch and do not allow others to mistreat it.

Please do your best to keep it open for the cottagers.

Thank you.

Pauline Selkirk

Sent from my iPad

**Shin, Monica**

To: Carolyn Amyotte;Jim Whelan;Colin McLellan;Jim O'Shea;RuthAnne McIlmoyl;Kelly Picken

Cc:comments@jackslakeassociation.ca

Wed 2025-03-12 5:52 PM

**High importance**

Councillors – My husband and I own a property on Jack's Lake in Sharpe's Bay and rely on the municipal boat launch at Fire Route 52A (Four Corners) for maintenance and servicing of our property.

Removing this access point is not in the best interest of residents/cottagers on Jack's Lake for the following reasons:

- ✓ Emergency services (fire, police, paramedics) to respond to incidents on the lake.
- ✓ Residents and visitors who rely on it for safe and equitable lake access.
- ✓ Local businesses and service providers who use it for boat and dock deliveries.
- ✓ Utility and maintenance crews who require water access for essential work.

We urge you to NOT declare this property surplus as it will drastically reduce water access for emergency services to Sharpe's Bay. Two summers ago there was a fire on one of the islands in Sharpe's Bay and responders would have been much slower to get the blaze under control had it not been for access at Four Corners.

Please keep the lake safe. Please do not declare Fire Route 52A surplus land.

Monica Shin & Michael Butcher

**Jack Lake Boat Launch 52A**

**Thomas Shipley**

To: Kelly Picken

Wed 2025-03-12 8:41 PM

Please do not remove boat launch.

Tom Shipley

**From:** Zoltan Szoldatits  
**Sent:** March 4, 2025 1:44 PM  
**To:** Connie Parent <C.Parent@northkawartha.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Boat Launch - FR52

Good afternoon Connie,

I just watched the Council meeting today in connection with the Boat Launch FR52. I am very concerned there is no Township legal counsel present at the meeting correcting the Mayor's inaccurate representations about legal and prescriptive rights under Ontario law. Further I have electronically attended the multiple meetings on the subject matter since December 3, 2024 with no opportunity provided to allow North Kawartha Township constituents attending to speak. I wish to convey my input in the matter further to my original submission below when I first heard about it on December 2, 2024.

As noted in the letter of November 19, 2024 by legal counsel representing the Township, the conveyance of the subject lands to the Township was in satisfaction of parkland dedication. My understanding and that of numerous neighbours is that the subject property was deeded by Peterborough Lumber to the Township for use as a boat launch by the lot owners purchasing lots from Peterborough Lumber. I spoke with the former Peterborough Lumber CFO who confirmed the same. Again, I fail to understand how the Township can ignore the original intent of the land transfer and the wishes of the surrounding lot owners that were the intended beneficiaries as evidenced by its long standing historical use.

Furthermore, why is the subject land now considered as surplus when it was the Township that agreed to the conveyance in 1978. Nothing has changed. The surrounding private properties were always there. The Township as with the surrounding lot owners have had unencumbered access to the boat launch for no monetary consideration for well in excess of 20 years. Legal counsel representing the Township will appreciate the significance of the forgoing.

I trust you will share this with Township Council. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email. Thank you.

Regards,

Zoltan Szoldatits

**Jack Lake Boat Launch 52A**

**Michael Taylor**

To: Kelly Picken

Wed 2025-03-12 8:46 PM

As the municipal boat launch near FR52 on Jack lake is essential for private cottagers and commercial use, please consider to reverse council's decision to close the public boat launch. Closing the public launch would create a needless disruption and unnecessary hardship for the resident cottagers.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Michael Taylor (cottager)

**Jack lake land**

Stephanie Thorson

To: Kelly Picken

Thu 2025-03-13 2:02 PM

Hi Kelly,

I received a notification of the municipality's intent to sell land on Jack Lake. This one time cash infusion does not serve the long term interests of the area, and I am against it. While we personally don't use the landing, we have neighbors who do. The additional load of cottagers will negatively affect water quality and add further stress to the already heavily damaged environment.

I realize you rely on the lake for a sizeable portion of your annual revenue but this makes us very angry and we urge you to reconsider.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Steph Thorson

**Jack Lake Boat Launch FR52A**

**Jane Wilton**

To: Kelly Picken

Thu 2025-03-13 8:25 AM

Good Morning,

As a cottager on Jack Lake, I feel strongly that access must be kept open for so many safety reasons, let alone the other aspects outlined in the JLA submission. Please do not reclassify this as a surplus property.

Thank you.

Best,

Jane Wilton

**From:** davidwood

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 4:51 PM

**To:** c.parent@northkawartha.ca

**Subject:** Re Jack Lake Community Boat Launch Fire Route 52A

Re Jack Lake Community Boat Launch Fire Route 52A

I have reviewed a Public Notice indicating that the Township of North Kawartha has declared those Lands being part lot 6 & 7 Concession 15 (former Township of Burleigh) Township of North Kawartha, being part 40 on Plan 45R-363, more commonly known as the Jack Lake Community Boat Launch on Fire Route 52A, to be surplus to the needs of the Township, and that it intends to sell the Lands by public tender. I understand that Council will consider passing the bylaw at Council meeting Mar 18<sup>th</sup>. I am forwarding this email to you now to voice my objection to declaring this property surplus and any future sale.

I submit that the long established and continuously utilized municipally owned boat launch serving approximately 90 cottager owners on the south shore of Sharpes Bay is not surplus. The original subdivision developer, Peterborough Lumber Company (PL) created a boat launch for their cottager buyer clients to provide a convenient boat launching facility since no other such facility was available in the South basin of Jack Lake. In 1978, PL transferred this property to the Township and for about 40 years the community of cottage owners in the area have... without any expenditure to the township... utilized this facility for launching and removing watercraft from Jack Lake. In addition, during the winter season this property has facilitated access to the lake enabling connections to trail systems and... also facilitating ice fishing huts arriving and departing the lake. More importantly for consideration of the Township, the established lake access has also served the emergency services operations including fire, rescue and ambulance to effectively respond to the vital needs of the south half of Jack Lake in both North Kawartha and Havelock Belmont Methuen Townships and has assisted utilities such as Telephone and Hydro to respond to emergency service requirements in this area.

I respectfully submit that these Lands are not surplus to the needs of the Township or its constituents and I wish to record my formal objection to declaring this property as surplus and any future sale.

Respectfully yours,

David Wood



From: VICKI WOODCOX

Date: 2025-03-11 2:10 p.m. (GMT-05:00)

To: Connie Parent <C.Parent@northkawartha.ca>

Cc: VICKI WOODCOX <

Subject: Jack Lake Boat Launch Fire Route

Further to the attached, I, Vicki Woodcox, 2504 Fire Route 51, am requesting that North Kawartha Council defer any further action on the above issue, until Jack Lake Cottagers have an opportunity to be delegated to a future council meeting in early summer 2025.

Could you please advise me when you have received this email?

Thankyou very much.

**From:** Ruth Young

**Sent:** March 12, 2025 9:49 AM

**To:** Connie Parent <C.Parent@northkawartha.ca>

**Subject:** Community Boat Launch

**Re Jack Lake Community Boat Launch Fire Route 52A**

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Property Owner: Katie Balevicius