

# Havelock Belmont Methuen (HBM) Official Plan & Zoning Update

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## Subject-Official Plan Development Standards

### **BACKGROUND**

When the County of Peterborough Official Plan was developed, I and others on Jack Lake were able to get specific wording included in the the policies related to waterfront development. The following wording was included in the County of Peterborough OP.....

#### *Development Standards*

##### *General*

*The preservation of naturally-vegetated shoreline is encouraged in order to minimize destruction to the shoreline and wetbeach habitat, minimize visual impact on the waterbody, maintain wildlife habitats and corridors and improve water quality.*

When Havelock Belmont Methuen proposed OPA #8 to implement the 30 meter set back, the County of Peterborough Planning Department recommended in Sept 2009<sup>i</sup> that the above Development Standard policy be included in the HBM OPA in order to achieve consistency with other lower tier Municipalities including North Kawartha which share planning responsibilities on Jack lake. Both the twp planning consultant and HBM Council agreed with this recommendation of the Peterborough County Planning Department. In effect HBM OPA-8 includes the above Development Standards.

### **COMMENTS**

So, since approval of the HBM OPA 8, lakes in the twps of Havelock Belmont Methuen and North Kawartha have had a consistent official plan development standards policy. For Jack Lake I feel strongly that the portions of this lake within Havelock Belmont Methuen and North Kawartha should CONTINUE to have the benefit of these consistent and commendable policies. Having consistent development policies applicable to Jack Lake would be in support of the County of Peterborough OP strategy to recognize all natural resources as important features to be protected, regulated and enhanced by a holistic or ecosystem approach that is based on watershed areas to reflect natural systems rather than political boundaries.

This mater has been discussed with twp planner who is satisfied that similar policies are included in the HBM proposed OP but I see no need to change what is already in effect since 2009 providing consistency in our area particularly since these policies were originally proposed by Jack lake representatives and accepted by Peterborough County

many year ago and in 2009 recommended by Peterborough County to be included in HBM OP-8 to achieve consistency.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Since the Development Standards noted above were based on original input to the County OP, by Jack Lake representatives, and the County of Peterborough Planning department as recently as 2009 supported these policies be included in HBM OPA-8, I and others feel strongly that, at least for Jack lake, these policies should be included in the new HBM OP to achieve consistency on at least Jack Lake.

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<sup>i</sup> Sept 4 Letter to Daryle Tighe From County of Peterborough Planning Department – Christine Coulter