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To: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Attention Alex Antoiuk via fax # 416 585 7531

## Re: In water Development Permit Requirements

I received your letter dated Nov 1 2001 responding to my letter dated Aug 7 2001 addressed to previously your previous Minister. I had been given several assurances that a response to my letter was awaiting the Ministers signature prior to the election call and during the campaign but no response was received from the previous Minister or current Minister.

The question I raised

***For boathouse structures, one and two storey being built in water supported on and occupying provincial lands on Jack Lake within North Kawartha or Havelock Belmont Methuen Townships, are building permits required under the Ontario Building Code?***

needs to be answered--- not based on different interpretation by various local building officials but rather as a serious matter which needs consistent provincial application as it affect the enjoyment of lakes by thousands of cottagers throughout Ontario. After all, we do have a PROVINCIAL BUILDING CODE so it is contradictory to take position that each municipality has authority to decide whether the Ontario Building applies within their community.

When I hear of third world countries suffering from devastating earth quakes and subsequently media reports stating many building collapse based on lack of building code enforcement, it seems that we are falling into that same risk by allowing major structure to be built in Ontario without permits and associated inspections. People I explain this issue to, are shocked that in this part of Ontario, such a situation is tolerated... in Muskoka this does not happen!!

**This intolerable situation is caused simply because the Provincial Ministry responsible for the ADMINISTRATION of the building code will not clarify the simple matter as to whether the Ontario Building applies to major in water structure being built on property owned by the Province of Ontario despite the same Ministry claiming on their web page that the Ontario Building code helps keep Ontarians safe and the Code applies to all structure over 100 sq ft in size.**

Your letter did nothing to answer the question which I submitted or clarify the situation **but directed me to others for answers** which I have complied with your suggestion despite intending to ultimately have your Minister provide the answer to the subject question.

The following is an update related to those you suggest I contact

- A) To the two affected Municipalities – I have written them both today asking that they answer the same question I ask your Minister
- B) To a solicitor – I have written yesterday and today to a solicitor in your Ministry who should be able to answer the question and to the solicitor of the two municipalities--- asking that they answer the same question I ask your Minister
- C) To MNR asking questions of their requirements for a building permit relative to their free use policy
- D) To John Gryffyn- e mails yesterday and today

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