

Jan 18 2017

Members of North Kawartha Council

RE: Logging Activity of Jack Lake Road during Winter 2015./16

On May 3 2016 I wrote the then Interim CAO Rob Browning expressing my concern about what I suspected to be illegal harvesting of trees on municipal property and asked for answered to 3 clear questions.

To date all answered have not been provided and on Oct 16 2016 I wrote MNRF in Bancroft requesting answered to 4 clear questions and today finally got their response.

To assist you in reviewing their response I have inserted their answered into the text of my letter attached ..also attaching the full test of the MNRF letter of January 18-2016 and my Letter to MNRF Oct 16 2016

So this is summary of information I have obtained from either NK township or MNRF or determined myself:

- The Jack Lake road from Marias to FR 52 **is owned** by the Township
- The road allowance **width is 86 ft** per survey 45r3231 and assessment map very likely available at North Kawartha Office
- Despite NK CAO report dated July 5 to NK Council, this **road is not a forced road**
- According to MNRF when the ownership of this road was transferred to the municipality **MNR did not reserve the timber rights**
- **MNRF did not authorize harvesting of timber on the municipal 86 ft ROW**
- NK Council Meeting minutes 2016-06-21 indicates response by CAO Browning that **MNRF enforcement branch was investigating the issue** and a report will come back to Council once a reply is received from MNRF

- MNRF have advised me that MNRF has not conducted any investigations related to this issue which question the credibility of the report by NK CAO
- NK did not authorize MNRF to harvest trees on the 86 ft ROW
- NO answer has been received from NK as to whether any logging company was authorized by NK to harvest trees on the ROW (Question #1 May 3)
- If NK did not authorize the removal of trees on the ROW then Trees were clearly illegally harvested on the 86 Ft ROW
- July 5,2016 CAO report to NK Council states” ..if municipal property is damaged ie Trees cut illegally on a municipal right of way, the municipality could pursue charges or civil action which would result in a judicial process determining the penalty or judgement

In my opinion Council has not received accurate information on this issue from previous CAO Rob Browning and Council have not taken any serious interest in the issue. Further logging is planned along this road and I feel strongly some leadership should be available from some or all members of Council to ensure the natural landscape along our roads is not destroyed by illegal harvesting of trees on Municipal property.



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