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Ambrose Moran

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Dear Mr. Moran,

The following information is in response to the four specific questions that you had sent to me in your letter dated November 7, 2016. Please accept my apologies for the delay in response time while our staff pursued the answers to your questions. 9 weeks to answer

While we were not able to locate any historical information as to whether the Jack Lake Road is considered to be a 'forced road', I have been advised that the ownership of the road and the right-of-way was transferred to the municipality in 1979, and that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) did not retain the timber rights for the right-of-way. Thus, your questions relating to the timber rights on the surveyed road allowance, as well as the authorization of timber harvesting along the road allowance would be best answered by the Township of North Kawartha. These types of authorizations typically occur between landowners and the forestry companies carrying out the work, and do not usually involve the MNR.

In reference to your question about reports from investigations that may have been sent to the municipality, we have determined that the MNR's Enforcement Branch has not conducted any investigations related to this matter. As indicated in my previous letter, forest compliance inspectors from the Bancroft MNR office conducted a forest compliance inspection on the harvested area within the Crown portion of land adjacent to the road allowance, but I have been advised that no documents from the inspection were provided to the Township.

I trust that this has helped to answer your questions. Should you wish to discuss anything further related to the forestry operations on the Crown land immediately adjacent to the road allowance, please feel free to contact Tim Reece, Management Forester at the Bancroft MNR Office at 613-332-3940 ext. 248, or by email to tim.reece@ontario.ca. Alternatively, you can contact Peter Nitschke, General Manager of the Bancroft Minden Forest Company in Bancroft. Peter can be reached at (613) 332-6890, ext. 201, or by e-mail at peter@bmfc.ca.

Sincerely,



Vincent K. Ewing
District Manager

Township CAO indicated to Council that Jack Lake road was a forced road and matter was under investigation by MNR. Both statements were wrong

c. Peter Nitschke, General Manager, Bancroft Minden Forest Company