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Subject: Jack Lake Storm Recovery County Role

Warden of Peterborough County J. Murray Jones

Jack Lake, located in both Havelock Belmont Methuen and North Kawartha Townships was seriously impacted by the May 21 storm -the scale of the destruction has received no media attention and only in last couple of days has the scale of the damage become apparent. I actually live on Jack Lake but have been reluctant to go for a boat tour as I am not looking forward to seeing the impact on our natural landscape and many of my neighbors happy places destroyed. In my attached email to HBM Mayor Jim Martin, a link is included which will provide an insight as to the scale of the structural and tree damage on Jack Lake.

Initially there was an impressive community response of volunteer cottages operating as first response public works crews opening up both public and private roads. Now the focus has been on cleaning up waterfront properties and arranging repairs of structural damages while we still wait for final hydro hook ups and restoration of phones and internet in some places.

It is my view that there is really no "State of Emergency" in North Kawartha.... where I understand very minimal infrastructure damages was encountered there is a "State of Inconvenience" and also there is certainly a realization.... we at Jack Lake have been exposed to a natural disaster resulting in unprecedented property damage .

Insurance claims are actively being processed which generally cover structural damages but almost all policies do not cover the immense tree removal challenges which are aggravated for island properties.

The purpose of contacting you is to gain an understanding on the roll of Peterborough County in this issue... particularly related to storm debris removal. I did leave a voice mail message several days ago at your waste management office but did not get a response back.

As I understand waste management is some kind of a joint program between the townships and County with cost sharing arrangements and diversion targets. I further sense that recycling is the primary responsibility of the County and current storm tree debris is recycled through a chipping process which takes place after local bins are shipped from the Anstruther and Haultain transfer stations to Peterborough. I kind of think... but could be wrong that the whole waste management system is a County led program.. with lower tier municipalities managing the waste component and County managing the recycling component... and integrated cost sharing arrangements.

So for clarity, I would appreciate if you or your staff can explain what role the County Public Works Department may play in contributing to disposal of tree debris including both brush and larger components to address the major scale of forest debris from private properties and private roads around Jack Lake in both townships.

My and others initial approach has been to the Mayors or both townshipsbut possibly depending of clarification of the County responsibility.... we should possibly be relying on the County to manage the process and possibly be the applicant to the province for disaster relief funds to deal with cottagers needs on Jack lake including islands.

I am aware of public notices provided that brush can be taken to certain County operated distant Depots at addresses I am not familiar with. It is not practical to transfer brush to any of these locations and even to the more local Township identified transfer stations... within very narrow operating hours. Even if a small per cent of the brush was transported to local transfer station, the bin capacity would be quickly exceeded and certainly not environmental sensible or cost effective to be transporting bins to Peterborough to be chipped. As an example, I did take a couple of trailer loads of brush and tree components to the NK Anstruther transfer station recently and both bins were basically full. I did unload some heavy tree member into an already full bin which was a low-profile bin in which I was capable of lifting material into. I could not possibly lift these heavy pieces into the high bins.



There has been some social media coverage indicting the Township bins are full with no schedule for new bins to arrive. Bins apparently are scarce and in demand.so folks are simply putting brush in the

ditches contributing to increased fire risk. The draft County OP mapping indicated that even before the storm that the Jack Lake area is in a high fire risk area which now is exponentially increased with the storm debris leading to a serious public safety risk of a major forest fire catastrophe. When you review the photo of the situation on Jack Lake, I am sure you will agree that a cost effective, convenient, environmentally sound solution.... other than bins..... is required to handle the tree disposal needs on Jack Lake.

In summary, I and others would like to hear back from you as to whether the County will be assisting affected property owners on Jack Lake with storm recovery challenges.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ambrose Moran', written in black ink on a white background.

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