

March 16, 2022 sent by e mail to Clerk C Parent

Township of North Kawartha

Attention: All Members of Council

Re: Illegal Removal of Trees/ Timber on Jack Lake Road

The Jack Lake Association (JLA) has new Directors, and they are in the process of getting briefed on various outstanding environmental issues affecting the lake. Logging on public lands is an issue of interest and concern with the JLA Environment Committee ...both along the McCoy Road in Havelock Belmont Methuen (HBM) and near Jack Lake Road area in North Kawartha (NK) .

I have provided the JLA with some the background concerns that I raised with NK Council in 2016 and 2017 which eventually lead to the following Council motion 17-67which in a recorded vote was passed with the support of all Council Members other than Mayor Amyotte.

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Moved by - Deputy Mayor Hutton

Seconded by – Councillor Miszuk

That staff be directed to look into the matters as detailed in the letter of Jan 18, 2017 from Ambrose Moran to verify the facts and determine a position going forward and further bring the information back to Council. **Recorded Vote:** Councillor Amyotte – No; Deputy Mayor Hutton – Yes; Councillor Miszuk – Yes; Councillor O’Shea – Yes; Mayor Woodcock - Yes

The JLA held a webinar on March 5th, 2022, providing an opportunity for the Mayors of North Kawartha and Havelock Belmont Methuen to update the JLA membership on issues of interest. At the meeting based on submitted questions... Mayor Amyotte was asked about the above motion 17-67 resulting from the allegation by Ambrose that trees/timber on the municipally owned property were illegally

removed. The following specific questions were asked related to motion 17-67-

1. Was staff directed to prepare the report?
2. Was the report prepared?
3. Can JLA be provided with the report?

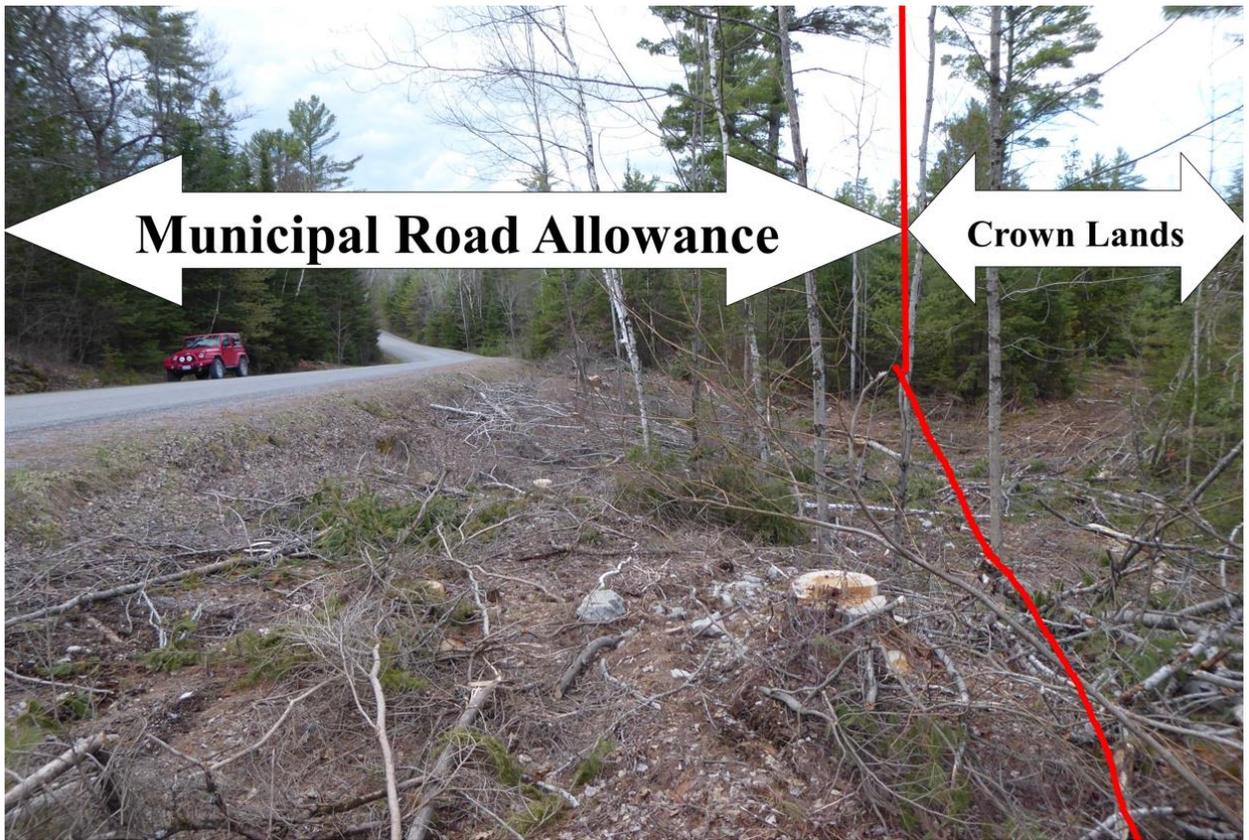
Question 1 and 3 were not answered by Mayor Amyotte but she did indicate that... as far as she knows... ***no further reports was brought back to Council.***

And

If JLA have any concerns about logging around Jack Lake.....Mayor Amyotte ***suggested that as a more proactive approach ...JLA should contact MNRF and get on the circulation list for Bancroft Minden Forestry Company (BMFC) ..so if any concerns on thing in the past or proposed that are coming up ..deal with them directly on that ..and bring concerns to their (NK) attention and keep township informed so we (NK) can be are of your concerns.. and we (NK) can partner with JLA to make sure looked at and get addressed***

Comments

I received a few called immediately following the webinar about this response and the general view was that the illegal harvest of trees on municipal property is an issue rightly to be dealt with by the affected property owner being NK....and being told to deal with MNRF and BMFC was a serious abdication of municipal responsibility on the part of the Mayor of NK.



Why am I continuing to deal with this issue? BMLC have now prepared another 10-year logging plan which affects crown lands around Jack Lake. Apart from wanting to end illegal harvesting of trees/timber on Municipal Lands, I feel the proactive position going forward would be for the Township to be negotiating a significant no cut buffer adjacent municipal travelled road as has been accomplished in the past by small local volunteer road association protecting aesthetics of private roads.

This is a request of Council to direct staff to do all what was voted on and passed in Motion 17-67 and provide a copy of the information to Ambrose Moran and the JLA.



Ambrose Moran

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