

**Took 16 days for response when I asked for response asap based on circumstances**

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**Subject:** RE: Ambrose Draft response

Hi Ambrose,

Thank you for your email.

It is an offence under Subsection 27(1) of the Public Lands Act to deposit material on public lands without authorization. **Note #1**

MNDMNRF has been contacted by the Township with regards to the management of brush on Crown Land. These conversations are ongoing.

Under the Forest Fire Prevention Act you are allowed fires from 2 hours before sunset until 2 hours after sunrise. The fires size can be 2 meters x 2 meters. The municipality can then decide if they need more stringent fire restrictions. **Note # 2**

Hopefully this provides clarification to your questions below.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.  
Thanks,

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**Note #1 The question that was asked is what is the process for establishing brush depots on crown land and that was not answered**

**Note # 2 North Kawartha have established a maximum fire size of 3ft x 3t which is impractical for dealing with tonnes of brush debris but appropriated for marshmallows**

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**Good morning Suzy**

**The area around Jack Lake was seriously impacted by the storm on May 21 and property owners are now and likely for the next year facing challenges with finding suitable arrangements for disposal of brush and tree components/logs.**

Is there a possibility that storm organic debris can be disposed of on crown lands? ...would a permit be required and would there be designated locations?

Also if a local Township Council or Management Committee under the State of Emergency was persuaded by ratepayers to establish a brush depot on a temporary or permanent basis on Crown Lands... **what would be the process for the township or County to follow within the Public Lands Act?**

The storm was 18 days ago and s efforts North Kawartha has not addressed a practical solution for cottagers to dispose of debris. As a default approach, it is becoming obvious that cottagers are now dragging brush from the properties and disposing in ditches along private roads on both private and public lands.... which is besides negatively impacting our landscape is contributing to a potential increased fire hazard.

Climate change is likely to result in increased storm activity and brush disposal on a cost efecti9ve and environmentally friendly way needs to be established by some or all levels of government. BTW I have been exposed to more extreme storms here at Jack Lake than at my tornado risky area residence in Florida.

Also

According to North Kawartha bylaws, residential fire permits can be issued but restricted to only night burning apparently based on Bancroft District MNR requirements . Is that so? As North Kawartha is currently under a State of Emergency, is there any flexibility in allowing day burning and increasing the fire size to more than 3ftx3t max which is impractical to deal with the enormous amount of brush on individual properties.

**Pls respond asap as this anxiety levels are increasing as property owners are trying to clean up their properties.**

Thanks



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