

June 10 2022

Jim Martin
Mayor Township of Havelock Belmont Methuen

Re: Storm Debris in Havelock Belmont Methuen - Jack Lake Area

This is a request that you and your Council establish a temporary site for residences on Jack Lake within HBM can dispose of brush and large trees from their personal properties and also from private roads in the area of McCoy Road (FR 85) and Narrows Point Road (FR 98).

There are cottages located in this area and many.... but not all.... have an immediate need for the municipality to contribute to a clean up solution.

Taking material to Shady Lane location station is not practical from these area for various reasons:

- Distance and time required
- Limited availability based on hours of operation as many property owners are not here all week.
- Many property owners do not have tow vehicle/ trucks or suitable trailers

There is a massive cleanup required which will likely take a couple of years for certain properties. A cost effective and environmentally friendly solution for ratepayers to dispose of debris is urgently needed.

Many ratepayers are waiting to hear what to do with their brush etc while others have reluctantly dragged brush across their road to ditches which is both unsightly and potential fire hazard.

I have given some thought to candidate sites that you may consider

Site #1 McCoy Road Area



This is Crown Land located at “y” being corner of FR 85 and FR 85A . This location would be convenient for about 140 Road access properties.

I am confident under the circumstances that MNRF would accommodate the need on a temporary or permanent program basis.

Site #2 Narrows Point Area



There is another Crown land site being an abandoned inactive wayside gravel pit on FR 89C which could serve approximately 135 HBM ratepayers.

You may have other potential sites to consider. I have not ask for or received input from anyone on these suggested sites at this point.

The May 21 storm affected a lot of Cottage Country but from media reports and what I am aware of on the shores of Jack Lake, it is my conclusion that the most landscape forest damage was on the shorelands of Jack Lake within HBM. It will take a couple of yeas of exhaustive effort on parts of property owners to remove trees and brush. At this point I have not sense the Jack lakers are asking for government assistance of funding to restore their private properties, just a designated brush tree depot which the Township can arrange and manage on a temporary basis

We all should work together to establish permanent t brush depots that can be operated on a cost effective and environmentally friendly basis as no doubt we

will be facing more severe storm events consistent with climate change predictions.

Please acknowledge receipt and provide a quick response to this request as many are anxiously waiting to see what can be expected of our municipality under the current stressful situation.



Ambrose Moran Acting independently in the interest of my neighbors
Web www.ApsleyWatch.com
Direct # 705 656 2000

cc List Storm E&F

