

Fairbank Lake Camp Owners Association Presentation

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Your Worship Mayor and Council

I am Brian Burton, President of the Fairbank Lake Camp Owners Association

I would like to tell you about the Association. We have approximately 160 paid members of the 240 seasonal and permanent residents on our lake.

The association was incorporated in 1981 and has a constitution with a main mandate to protect the water quality of the lake.

It was instrumental in developing a secondary plan for the lake which has now been incorporated into the Official Plan. Most notably it refers to lot size, lake-frontage restriction, building and field bed set backs requirements. The association submits letters of approval or rejection to all minor variances requested to these standards.

Our Lake activities include:

- neighbourhood watch
- lake shoal and hazard markers
- water testing
- lake partner program and Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters for spiny water flea and zebra mussels
- Adopt-a-road and garbage dumping with Waste Management
- Lake stewardship - Lana Haslam - Lake ^{water} Quality Program education of property owners through
- Pamphlets and brochures, grants for reforestation of shoreline thru shrub and tree distribution funded 50% by our association.
- News letters to members twice yearly
- Annual Lake picnic

Issues:

There are about 50 permanent residents, but most land is classed as seasonal. As other lakes within the city this zoning has to be corrected in future.

Regardless we currently pay the same residential mill rate as all other homes within the City of Greater Sudbury. Thus we would like to see a different mill rate for rural vs. urban.

Rural people like us receive only two main city services...garbage - blue box collection and road maintenance. We have submitted petitions on both these issues in the last year. Copies of which are available here.

1. Garbage Collection:

Currently picked up on Tuesdays, however during summer months people visiting their cottages on weekend leave Sunday night and place their garbage at roadside. During the two day wait for pick up animals are attracted quickly make a mess and creating a potential hazard to other residence. We are proposing for rescheduling between the May long weekend and Thanksgiving to allow pick up on Mondays. For the 3 paid

holidays within that period, pick up could be on Tuesday. We realize that this is contracted out with a waste contractor but we are requesting that you simply change it during this period.

As other areas in the city, there is dumping in the bush and area trails is occurring that we believe it is in part because of tipping fees.

2. Road Maintenance:

This is our member's main issue. The paved areas I will refer to are only a mix of gravel and tar, cold and hot patch that was at one time we believe is class C pavement.

What is the life expectancy of this type of road bed and is it the most cost effective product? I expect it will last approximately 7 years.

With a large expenditure being spent on pothole repairs annually all we have is holes and patches making our roads very rough. In fact we would like to know that cost, even just for Regional Road 4 to the Provincial Park!

When this area was part of Walden large sections of these roads were resurfaced annually. However since becoming part of the City of Greater Sudbury,,,,, resurfacing has been minimal.

We have been advised that the 2007 plan includes the resurfacing of 1.6 km on Regional Road 4 in our area and I received a letter from Mr. Falcioni indicating a three year capital roads program is being prepared for this fall.

We have two main accesses to the lake, from Hwy 17 to the Provincial Park, 22 km and from Regional Road 4 to Fairbank Resort, 9 km that are paved with other roads that are gravel. There is also Spanish River Road to High Falls and Nairn Centre plus Bay St. from Whitefish that I have not included.

So with 31 km servicing of paved road to Fairbank Lake, resurfacing at 1.6 km per year will take 19 years to complete the area roads. This is not acceptable.

With the added traffic to Totten Mine our roads will be a disaster for years to come.

We need an annual resurfacing program for the next four years of approximately 8 km per year to play catch up in road maintenance.

Gravel roads although fairly well maintained, require more gravel for the grader to work with.

Snow ploughing is another major issue. Who are the dreamers of ploughing after 8" has fallen or more recently after 48 hours of a storm? We pay the same mill rate so we expect the same service, so please give us that service. We have parents unable to go to work because their children had to stay home because the roads weren't ploughed and buses would not travel the roads. We don't expect to be prior to main arteries. But give rural some consideration.

On behalf of the Association and the residence of Fairbank Lake we would like to thank Councillor Jacques Barbeau and council for the opportunity to make this presentation.