

Havelock Belmont Methuen (HBM) Official Plan

Submission #5 to Peterborough County Planning

Department by Ambrose Moran Dated May 16 2013

Jack Lake-Cold Water /Trout Lake

BACKGROUND

Ministry of Natural Resources promotes the protection of water quality in Lake Trout Lakes and in the past has required that North Kawartha implement planning policies and regulations to prohibit boathouses on lake trout lakes regardless of any capacity classifications.

MNR & MOE have been studying Jack Lake to determine if it is a trout lake. According to letter to North Kawartha from MNR Jack lake is a trout lake and in fact a trout lake ‘at capacity’.¹

Immediately upon receipt of this information, **North Kawartha Council included Jack Lake in their zoning bylaw list of NK trout lakes not permitting boathouse based on being determined to be a trout lake.**

This information became available after HBM council adopted their OP --- but HBM recognized the potential for this long outstanding decision and included policy 3.3.4.10 Lake Trout (at capacity) Lakes County of Peterborough Official Plan consolidation (March 2006) page 4-34 states:

Local Plans will implement the policies of Section 4.4.3 regarding “at capacity” lakes by:

-Identifying lakes that have reached development capacity with respect to one or more of boating, adsorption of phosphorous, or lake trout habitat:

--Defining development for the purpose of “at Capacity”

Restricting new development on “at capacity lakes” ...

COMMENT

NK and HBM are responsible for land use planning on portions of Jack lake within their municipal boundaries and the County OP encourages coordination of Approach 3.4 and County Strategy 1.2 .3 supports a holistic or ecosystem approach that is based on watershed area to reflect natural systems rather than **political boundaries.**

RECOMMENDATION

That the HBM OP recognizes the part of Jack Lake within HBM as being a Trout lake “at capacity”

and in their implementing zoning bylaw to be consistent with NK zoning on Jack lake

by complying with MNR’s planning direction given to North Kawartha being *For lakes that are deemed “at capacity” for development, MNR consider the construction of boathouses to be a form of development. Therefore the inclusion of restrictions within the comprehensive bylaw would be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and supported by MNR*ⁱⁱ

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ⁱ Letter to Township of North Kawartha From A/Area Supervisor Mar 4 2013

ⁱⁱ Letter to Township of North Kawartha From District Manager MNR Bancroft June 18 2009