

# Submission to North Kawartha PAC #2

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Subject **DEFINITIONS**

### **BACKGROUND**

In my opinion definitions used in Planning Documents should be standardized:

---in Ontario

alternatively

----in Peterborough County

#### **Part A**

Attached is part of a submission ( cover and page and RECOMMENDATION #1) I prepared for the Peterborough County Coalition of Lake Associations dated December 1992 which recommended definitions should be standardized in Peterborough County

The Provincial Policy Statements have definitions and the Peterborough County OP has definitions and then the many Townships have definitions in their zoning bylaws which leads to confusion and difficulties in interpretation.

The North Kawartha PAC and or Council may be in a position to encourage the County Planning department to work with the townships to standardize definitions to assist in interpretations on planning documents and applications

#### **Part B**

Planning Documents such as Official Plans and Zoning Bylaws should be formatted in such a way that definitions within the documents are highlighted in **BOLD**-sample attached—alternatively the definitions to be underlined or *italicized* or **CAPITILIZED**

#### **Part C**

Definition of **BOAT HOUSE**

I suggest that boat house should be defined separate from marine facilities.

Suggested Definition

**Boathouse:** A **detached**, covered one **storey structure accessory** to a **residential permitted use**, which is designed or used for berthing or sheltering of a boat or other form of water transportation an is located above the **high water mark**. A **Boathouse** may include storage **accessory** to the **residential use**. A **Boathouse** shall not contain any **dwelling unit, bunkhouse** or other **habitable** rooms

#### **Part D**

Definition of **SHORELINE BUFFER**

I suggest that **Shoreline Buffer should be defined.**

Example definition from Township of Muskoka Lakes Zoning Bylaw 2005-05

**Shoreline Buffer:** means a natural area maintained in its natural predevelopment state for purposes of buffering **BUILDINGS** or **STRUCTURES** on a **LOT**. Where the natural state does not include significant vegetation cover the area may be planted with indigenous trees and shrubs. Such buffer shall consist of tree or shrubs a minimum of six feet in height and density of one per 100 square feet of the required buffer.

Attachments- The Peterborough County Coalition Lake Associations cover page and part page #5  
Sample Page #43 Muskoka Lakes Twp Zoning Bylaw 87-87

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