

December 10 2011 via e mail (actually Nov 10)

Township Havelock Belmont Methuen

Attention CAO and Members of Council

Re: Building Permits -- In-water development

Since last spring, I have been attempting to obtain an answer from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to the following question:

For boathouse structures, one and two storey being built in water supported on and occupying provincial lands on Jack Lake within North Kawartha or Havelock Belmont Methuen Townships, are building permits required under the Ontario Building Code?

This week I finally received a response from MMAH which

- encourages me to consult further with municipalities –the purpose of this letter
- suggest I consult with a solicitor – which I have done and will continue to do
- suggest I direct enquiries to MNR –which I have done and will continue to do
- encourage any further questions to Acting Manager in MMAH’s Building and Development Branch- which I have done and will continue to do

I feel strongly that MMAH should answer the question and will continue to take steps to have the new Minister of MAH answer this fundamental question regarding the application of the Ontario Building Code Act. **In accordance with the direction to me from MMAH, I am asking if the Council will review this question and provide me with an answer to the question.**

I look forward to the answer from Council.

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