



Sent by Email

November 18, 2023

District Municipality of Muskoka,
70 Pine Street
Bracebridge, ON
P1L 1N3

Attention: District Council

Dear Chair Lehman and Members of Council:

**Re: Township of Muskoka Lakes Official Plan –
Support for Lake Associations’ requests regarding proposed changes to Lake Plans**

The Muskoka Lakes Association is writing to support the comments made by the Leonard Lake Stakeholders’ Association (LLSA) in their letter to you dated November 17, 2023 concerning proposed modifications to the Lake Plan section of the Township of Muskoka Lakes Official Plan (the “TML OP”).

The MLA supports the request made by the LLSA that District Council uphold their Lake Plan wording adopted by TML Council following years of community consultation. In particular, we support the LLSA’s request to not approve the additional wording proposed by District staff in subsection E8.3.4 (i) (highlighted in purple on page 102 of the draft TML OP).

We also support removal of similar proposed new wording from the Lake Plans of Three Mile Lake (in section E8.3.1 (a) on page 96) and Brandy Lake (in section E8.3.5 (i) on page 104), if supported by their lake associations. We understand that the Three Mile Lake Association has made this request to TML Council.

The new wording proposed by District staff requires that development be determined to be the **primary** cause of deterioration of water quality before remedial action can be taken. There are many factors that can work in combination to contribute to water quality deterioration and those that are within the District and Township’s control should be addressed through a Remedial Action Plan.

We respectfully request that you amend the Lake Plan section to reinstate the original wording of the lake plans, the wording approved by TML Council, as requested by the relevant lake associations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Eplett', written in a cursive style.

Susan Eplett
President

Cc: Lisa Marden, Director of Planning, District Municipality of Muskoka
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Derrick Hammond, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of Muskoka Lakes
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Mark Scarrow, President, Leonard Lake Stakeholders' Association
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