

April 12, 2022

*Via email:* [TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca](mailto:TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca)

Minister of Transport Canada  
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Dear Hon. Omar Alghabra,

**RE: Notice of Motion – Floating Accommodations**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted motion was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 12, 2022 and the following resolution was passed.

**“Resolution #8(a)/04/12/22**

**WHEREAS floating accommodations have become a growing concern in that they will affect the environment, character, tranquillity and the overall enjoyment of Lake of Bays and regulating these floating accommodations is a top priority for the Township of Lake of Bays;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that Transport Canada amend the Canada Shipping Act 2001 by adding the following to the Act:**

- **All vessel greywater be discharged into a holding tank and disposed of as per Provincial regulations for new vessels; and**
- **All floating accommodations are required to conform to all Provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws.**

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**AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to include the following:**

- **Post signs to restrict floating accommodation/camping on the water in southern Ontario (Muskoka south) and that a permit from the NDMNRF is required and a permit will not be granted without the consent of the local municipality;**
- **Camping is reduced from 21 days to 7 days;**
- **Not permit any camping on the water within 300m of a developed lot or within a narrow water body of 150m; and**
- **Should a municipality have more restrictive by-laws related to camping, these by-laws would apply.**

**AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby directs the Clerk to forward this resolution to the Minister of Transport Canada, the Premier of Ontario, Scott Aitchison, MP, Norm Miller, MPP, Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF), Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.**

**Carried.”**

In accordance with Council’s direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require clarification in this regard.

Sincerely,



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Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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Local member of Provincial Parliament  
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