

**Date:** March 9, 2022

**To:** Minden Hills Council, Trisha McKibbin, CAO/Clerk,

**Subject:** Omissions/Clarifications in [Report 22-10 ADM](#) on March 10 Council Agenda

The Bob Lake Association (BLA) Board of Directors has reviewed your subject report tabled for discussion at this week's Council meeting on Thursday March 10. While we are gravely disappointed with the report's summary and recommendation, more importantly, we are extremely concerned with the context of information presented and the information that was excluded entirely. As a result, this report simply does not provide Council with a complete set of facts on which to make an informed decision.

The BLA feels that it's critical for Council to be made aware of the following major points:

1. The amended Engineering report from the study jointly commissioned by the Township of Minden Hills and Bob Lake Association clearly establishes that a safe boat launch and vehicle standby areas can be constructed entirely on township property. The amended report is the only legitimate outcome of the project and as the initial report was published before the Engineers completed the agreed Scope of Work.
2. The legal report from the work jointly commissioned by the Township and BLA clearly states that there is no legal impediment to accessing, constructing and operating a boat launch on the proposed Claude Brown Road site.
3. BLA had provided data that shows that the cost estimates in the Engineers report are excessively inflated. Included in the data were quotes based on Tatham Engineering's design from Local Contractors Hawk River Construction, \$61,401.46 and Tom Prentice and Sons, \$53,253.46, clearly indicating that the launch can be constructed for less than \$100,000.
4. The environmental assessment required for this project if undertaken by the TMH would be a class EA, and would meet the conditions for pre-approval. (See EcoVue Consulting Services report 20-1997 of May 1, 2020, provided.) EcoVue also state that any environmental impact of the launch would be minimal, and they proposed measures to mitigate the impact, **and these measures have been included in the Tatham Engineering design.**
5. In good faith, BLA entered into agreement with Minden Hills Council for joint studies intended to resolve concerns raised by TMH staff with respect to the proposed launch. To date the members of Bob Lake Association have personally put forward approximately \$12,000 in support of the proposed project. Both studies have shown that there are no significant legal or engineering impediments to the project. The project should now be allowed to proceed.

We ask that you please amend your report to include the above major points, or include this document as official correspondence provided to Council for their consideration.

Sincerely,

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