

*On Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 5:32 PM TAMMY MCKELVEY <tammy.mckelvey@bell.net> wrote:*

Bob Lake Association

Good Evening:

Thank you very much for providing the opportunity for the candidates to connect with the lake residents of Bob Lake.

I have attached my brochure for the Township of Minden Hills position of Councillor at Large in this fall's Municipal Election.

With regard to your specific questions regarding the Bob Lake boat launch, please be advised that I have followed this issue at the Council meetings and in the local media for years. As a family, we have utilized the former boat launch to enjoy Bob Lake for fishing and family outings for many years.

I am very concerned that the Township did not take steps when this issue first came up to purchase the land in question to maintain the boat launch. The township would have been able to sell the residual land that would have recovered the costs and contributed to maintaining this launch. Unfortunately, the Council did not take these steps and we are faced with the lack of a public launch on this lake.

I further understand and can appreciate that perhaps not all residents are in favour of a public boat launch as they would prefer a less busy, and quieter lake. This is an example of where it is so important for Council members to do their research, obtain feedback, and make an informed decision in the best interests of the Township as a whole.

I have very serious concerns with the lack of priority setting at the Township for our limited tax dollars. As you will see on my attached brochure, the new Council will be faced with a potential 9% tax levy increase from the decisions made in the 2022 budget. For your information, a 1% increase to the tax levy generates approximately \$97,000 in taxes. As such, while I am very willing to consider and investigate options for a boat launch, at this time I cannot support the use of our limited Municipal tax dollars to construct a new boat launch.

I can appreciate that my current position on this issue is not what you were hoping for; however, I hope that you will acknowledge that I have provided an honest response. I feel it is my responsibility to be honest and factual with the many issues that are facing the Township. Please be assured that I will continue to listen to your concerns, investigate opportunities and initiatives for the betterment of the community and its members however, given the current financial position of the township, those initiatives will need to be prioritized accordingly. My priority will be our roads infrastructure that is falling apart, and providing opportunities for housing in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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