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Township of Minden Hills Council
7 Milne Street
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Dear Members of the Minden Hills Council,

Re: Bob Lake Public Boat Launch Delegation

Gardiner Miller Arnold LLP. has been retained by the Bob Lake Association concerning lakefront properties and access rights to Bob Lake. As background I have been a lawyer for 38 years and specialize in real estate. I have extensive experience with issues concerning lake access, shore road allowances, access to beaches and claims of competing riparian rights interest. I have relatives on Bob Lake so the matter is also personal to me. The Bob Lake Association specific request is for us to provide an expert opinion on the legality of their proposed options and procedures for restoring the public boat launch on Bob Lake, as outlined in their presentation to Minden Hills Council. The unfortunate sequence of events that has led to this public boat launch no longer being available to all owners of property on Bob Lake is admittedly an intolerable situation that requires a resolution. I do not think that anyone on council would dispute that. It is my belief that the delegation material contains viable solution options for reinstating Bob Lake's public boat launch. I have reviewed the presentation in detail and the proposals outlined appear to be legally sound and offer practical pathways towards achieving the desired outcome.

As you are well aware, access to public waterways is a matter of significant importance, both from a recreational and environmental standpoint. It is imperative that efforts are made to ensure equitable access for all members of the community while also preserving the integrity of the natural environment.

I commend the Bob Lake Association for their diligent efforts in trying to address this matter and for presenting comprehensive solutions to the Council. It is my hope that the Council will carefully

consider the recommendations put forth and take appropriate action to reinstate the public boat launch on Bob Lake in accordance with legal requirements and community interests, and bringing an amicable resolution to this long-standing issue. I have offered my assistance to work with the municipality in a collaborative fashion to find a permanent solution to the access issue at Bob Lake.

Yours truly

GARDINER MILLER ARNOLD LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerry Miller", written in a cursive style.

Per: Gerald T. Miller
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