

August 18, 2021

Mayor Andrea Roberts,
135 Maple Avenue,
Haliburton, ON
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Re: PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT (OPA) AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (ZBA)
HARBURN HOLDINGS GRASS LAKE PROPERTY

Mayor Roberts,


Lake Kashagawigamog Organization (LKO) would like to comment on this potential project, as a friend of Grass Lake. What happens to the water quality in Grass Lake directly affects Lake Kashagawigamog. The Lake Kashagawigamog Organization has been observing the infilling of these properties over the past number of years and is very concerned regarding the proposed development's effect on the water quality of Grass Lake and by extension, Lake Kashagawigamog. The shoreline and wetlands have already been infilled significantly. These valuable natural lands are vital to the health of the lake and to the ecosystems that it supports.

We are also concerned about the density of this proposed development. Lake Kashagawigamog has been designated as "at capacity" and this three lot development on the shoreline of an upstream lake is not in keeping with our desire to maintain optimal water quality.

The small, non motorized dock proposed on the shoreline will be difficult to monitor and enforce. It is our opinion that, if approved, part of the amendment should include that no dock nor any shoreline alteration be permitted on these three new lots adjacent to Grass Lake. Additional residents in this wetland with lake access will only increase that stress on the ecosystem. Prior land alteration of the original wetlands and shoreline should not be rewarded with a development that will cause further damage.

Lake Kashagawigamog is under considerable stress from wetland infilling, shoreline clearing, shoreline erosion, terrestrial and aquatic invasive species. We do not feel that this proposal in this location is to the long-term benefit of Dysart et al, Haliburton County nor Grass Lake and Lake Kashagawigamog. Please keep us advised of any further developments on this file.

Sincerely,



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