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Subject: Input for Haliburton County Council Special Meeting on Shoreline By-law

Haliburton Waterfront Owners represents the owners of over 500 waterfront residential (WR) properties across the County who have come together over the past two years because of concerns with the direction the Shoreline Bylaw has taken. We care deeply about the water quality of our lakes. But we believe that the Bylaw does not address the most important shoreline problem - which is lots and lakes where a large amount of the vegetation has been removed. As the Love Your Lake program has said, these should be the First Priority for action.

It is critical that County Council use the Special Meeting on January 30th to get it right. In the past, we have provided Council with pages of analysis, input and recommendations. For the January 30th meeting, we ask you to adopt the following common sense recommendations:

- Put the Shoreline By-law as drafted on hold
- Focus on causing owners of lots with less than 50% natural/regenerative to replant
- Rather than spending money on two inspectors to enforce this By-law only, use the resources to get people to replant (or use the money for more important priorities like getting health services to residents)
- Stop people with lawns to the lake from using fertilizers
- Pursue rigorous septic inspection programs to eliminate the single greatest risk to the lakes on WR properties
- Allow those that do not own the adjacent shoreline road allowance to continue to do minor landscaping (such as weed removal on paths) and to address dead trees and limbs without first having to get permission from the municipality

Thank you for considering our input.

Haliburton Waterfront Owners Steering Committee