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Subject: Re: Ramp- 12Mile, Little Bosh and Big Bosh
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Good afternoon all:

As you know, the Algonquin Highlands Council received your letter and spoke at some length yesterday about the problem we are all encountering. One thing that remains clear is that a permanent solution at the Highway 118 site will be extremely expensive and take time to get in place, if, in fact, it is the most suitable long term solution. Having said that, Council has agreed to have a consultant take a look at the site, and confirm some of our initial findings and understandings.

At this time, I don't believe that the timing of receipt of your letter provided sufficient opportunity for Minden Hills to get the issue onto their agenda to have a similar discussion.

I have spoken with Mayor Carter this morning and we are both in agreement that, regardless of the solution, this is a huge challenge for both of us given the time constraints and considerable amount of funds required. Both municipalities have completed a extremely detailed review of this year's budget and adopted them, along with the associated work plans for projects that have been approved.

If we are to move forward with finding a solution it will have to be through a partnership between the two municipalities and, hopefully, the associated lake associations.

We will continue to look at both short and long term solutions, as well as try to work with the new owners of the Twin Lakes Resort to determine whether we, or they, can work something out at that site. Unfortunately, we do anticipate that there could be a bit of a hue and cry raised by adjacent property owners in that location.

It would be helpful if you have any idea of the number of actual boats on the three lakes that are truly impacted and in need of a deep water launch. We have tested the 118 site for emergency access and at present, it poses no concerns. However, we acknowledge that will depend on water levels later in the year.

While I understand that you have been having discussions with the owners of the Northland Marina, who have offered some assistance in getting boats out of the water, some of his suggestions about the timing, cost and ability for a municipality to move quickly on the 118 site are somewhat inaccurate. The legislative requirements, permitting and approvals from numerous upper levels of government are very different for a municipality than what a private property owner or developer would face.

I am committed to keeping you apprised of any updates or information that I can provide.

Sincerely,
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