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Haldimand County Council
53 Thorburn Street, South
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Attention: Evelyn Eichenbaum, Clerk

Subject: Application: PLOP-HA-2020-919 and PLZ-HA-2020-192

Dear Evelyn

Please accept this written submission against the above noted application for the addition of a special policy in the Haldimand Country Official Plan (OP) and a special provision in the Zoning By-law.

Background Information:

I own with my mother Jackie Bosak 32 Erie Heights Line. My mother Jackie has owned properties on Erie Heights Line for over 60 plus years. In the 1950's my grandparents owned 10 Hoto Line and 17 Hoto Line was owned by the Minor family, as such the two farms owned and maintained Hoto Line as a private road. In the 1960's as properties were sold and cottages built on Erie Heights Line, an association was established to collect funds from cottage owners to maintain Hoto Line, as cottage owners were granted access to pass, however Hoto Line was deemed to be a private road.

Hoto Line has been maintained by The Erie Heights Association, of which I am an active member. This was a positive ongoing benefit for all cottage

owners and the resident farmers of 10 and 17 Hoto Line, however in the last few years a number of cottages were sold and new owners are now living year round on Erie Heights Line. The cost to maintain Hoto Line has doubled for all cottage owners to allow three year round cottage owners access during the winter months. This was never the intention of Hoto Line, it was deemed private for seasonal use only.

Reasons against the application are as follows:

- 1) The Association will not maintain Hoto Line should the application be approved. I believe after 60 years of maintenance, the Association definitely has a voice in this matter. The applicant will need to provide the Association with evidence that they will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of Hoto Line year round and into the unforeseeable future. I have enclosed several pictures as evidence, this is an expensive private road to upkeep and the farmers have not contributed a cent in over 30 plus years.
- 2) There are no emergency services such as police, ambulance and fire prevention provided off Hoto Line during the fall / winter season.
- 3) Cottages numbers 05, 16, 25 on Erie Heights Line, are also single detached dwellings that do not front on an open public road, however they are allowed by Haldimand County to live year round off the private road Hoto Line. This does not seem fair to me and when I questioned this the Haldimand by-law officer (Tim Doherty) in an email stated "under the new revised by-laws they can now apply to be a full season residence." Mr. Doherty has yet to provide me with the link to these revised by-laws. In my opinion, there are rules for some and no rules for others. I understand there are multiply zonings on Erie Heights Line; hazard land, agriculture, lakeshore residential, some cottage owners have trailers, some build additional buildings, will the applicant have restrictions imposed? Or will Haldimand turn a blind eye as the applicant fronts on a private road and has a "special policy" and a "special provision" associated with their property?

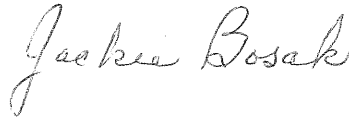
4) Is the applicant allowed farm animals? Pigs, cattle, how many dogs?

I am against livestock, again this was not the intention of Hoto Line, deemed to be a private road, so many years ago by my grandparents.

This will only lead to conflict among cottage owners. The majority of the cottage owners appreciate the privacy during the summer months and the private road for walking and biking. The by-law for a private road with seasonal access and the intended use needs to be established and enforced.

My mother and I are against the application and request that Hoto Line remains a private road with seasonal access from May to October only, as was intended all those years ago. People need to do their homework and research prior to purchasing property in rural communities, not fair to add a "special policy" and a "special provision" to a property to fit one's needs, when these actions will effect a number of properties.

Respectfully,



Jo-Ann Dick and Jackie Bosak





