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Mayor Peggy Breckenridge and Council  
130 Balm Beach Road West  
RR #1, Perkinsfield, ON L0L 2J0

Dear Mayor Breckenridge and Council,

In 1971, sampling of swimming water along the 72 kilometres of Tiny Township's Georgian Bay shore plus Farlain Lake revealed several areas of compromised water quality. In the summer of 2006, a second broad water sampling program revealed that there continue to be areas of concern. There were, for example, 19 instances of swimming water geometric means above 100 E. coli at beaches monitored by the Health Unit in July and August of 2006.

We urge you to ask for reports and proposals and recommendations from three groups. The Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA), which has been employed by the Township since 2003 to investigate sources of swimming water pollution and to make recommendations, has not yet reported on its activities in 2006. We would like to hear the results of their investigation into one especially polluted tributary of the Lafontaine stream. We would also like to see more follow up to the suggestive pictures, which were taken in the summers of 2004 and 2005 after rainstorms, showing a plume of silt emerging from the Nottawasaga River and drifting north at least as far as Spratt Point. We urge you to ask SSEA for a detailed report, and for a clear statement about what is proposed for the summer of 2007, the objectives of the research, and what could then be done to improve the situation.

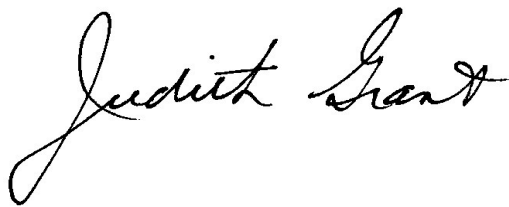
For several years now, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has been analyzing the results of the samples it takes at 15 beaches in Tiny Township. Last summer an MA student was to see if more could be learned about the combinations of factors that result in the “posting” of a beach. We would like to hear whether that research was done and if so we would like to see the results.

Also, last year, Allan Crowe of Environment Canada proposed that his group undertake a detailed comparative research project at a beach that is posted regularly and one that is never posted. We hope that the Township will encourage Mr. Crowe to undertake this research.

We continue to feel that children should be warned against playing in polluted streams, particularly as the Township is now officially aware of the high E. coli levels in several streams because of research done by the SSEA.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the Township’s Water Department for transporting the water samples taken by volunteers each Monday of the summer of 2006 to the Central Ontario Analytical Laboratory in Orillia.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Grant". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Judith Grant  
President

On behalf of the board of the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations