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Cc: Mayor Finch <gfinch@southhuron.ca>, Dan Best <cao@southhuron.ca>

Subject: Waterworks Road, Grand Bend, ON

Dear Mayor Klopp, Mr. Vanden Berg and Ms. Spence Bannerman:

As an owner of a cottage in Highlands 1 (H1), I would like to provide you with my concerns which currently affect our community.

Parking:

- Waterworks Road:
 - Many people park illegally on the south side of Waterworks Road, despite the no parking signs;
 - When Waterworks Road is packed, people will drive to the end of Waterworks Road and drop off numerous individuals, items, thus creating congestion and creating many opportunities for motor vehicle accidents.
- Highway 21:
 - People now park on the side of Highway 21 (at all sides of its intersection), causing safety concerns for anyone when they walk or attempt to cross Highway 21;
 - These vehicle leave no room for anyone who may be walking or biking along the Highway and the vehicles parked on the Highway restricts the view of drivers trying to leave H1, making it very difficult to check for oncoming traffic.

Safety Issues:

- Garbage:
 - People visiting the beach dispose of their garbage on the beach, H1 properties and/or road, such as: food products, plastic bottles, fast food containers, used diapers, used sanitary napkins and tampons, condoms; doggy poop bags, just to name a few;
 - Due to the lack of washrooms, people urinate and defecate on the beach, H1 properties and road.
- Fire Safety:
 - People operate barbecues, dumping the coals from the barbecue onto the sand;
 - People have had bonfires on the beach, collecting wood from various lakefront property owners' lands.
- Erosion:
 - The lake front has experience extreme erosion this past year, resulting in unstable soil, fallen trees, trees in precarious positions, etc.:
 - People run up and down the eroded banks, causing further damage; climb on the fallen trees, or try to cut some of the fallen trees for bonfires; place their beach chairs, blankets, items on the eroded properties, causing further damage.
- Camping:
 - People camp overnight, having bonfires, urinating/defecating on the beach or in the bush areas, leaving garbage.
- Covid-19:
 - Unfortunately, social distancing is very hard to practice as the beach is very small this year.

Solutions:

I would greatly appreciate if you would bring the issues to the next counsel meeting to be discussed:

- Restrict access to the beach;
- Restrict access to Waterworks Road completely, except to the 3 cottages on Waterworks Road;
- Co-ordinate with the Ministry of Transportation to install no parking signs on Highway 21 and County Road 83;
- If restriction to the beach is not possible, permit H1 to install a "Code of Conduct" sign, similar to those in other areas.

Summary:

The residents of H1 have made every effort to keep the beach clean and safe. I, in fact, have kindly asked various visitors to respect the beach by not sitting in eroded areas, request that they take their garbage home, etc. I have been met with some very rude and interesting responses and gestures. Basically, our hands are tied. The cottagers of H1 have lost the enjoyment of our properties and the beach due to the increased traffic, parking and inconsiderate visitors to the beach. This is unfair as we are all property owners and pay taxes to the Municipality of Bluewater.

I hope that you and the council will take my concerns into consideration.

Kind regards,

Teresa Young