

CLERKS REPORT CR-009-06

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: A. Ruth Coursey, CAO/Clerk

DATE: January 19, 2006

RE: Bluewater Beach Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

The Bluewater Beach Management Plan, completed by Meridian Planning Consultants be adopted with only minor modification to the recommendation regarding washrooms,

That Staff request the assistance of the local interest groups to identify individuals who would participate on a Bluewater Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis to work with the Municipality in determining the goals and objectives for Bluewater Beach Park,

That Staff report back to Council on the proposed composition and terms of reference for the Bluewater Advisory Committee, and

That funds be identified in the 2006 budget to complete the biological study and to complete some of the initiatives set out in the Plan.

BACKGROUND:

On November 28, 2005, Meridian Planning presented their draft plan for Bluewater Park. Shortly thereafter the Plan was posted on the Municipality's website to allow interested individuals and groups to comment on the draft Plan. To date the following submissions have been received and are attached in Appendix 1:

Tony De Bartolo, Nicole Boulevard
Anthony & Wolfgang Sodin, Trew Avenue
Sandy Bortolin, Trew Avenue
R. Greig, Trew Avenue
Bluewater Dunes Ratepayers Association
Deanlea Beach Association

The Bluewater Georgina Wendake Beach Association and the Bluewater Conservation Authority

The following report will summarize the issues raised and make recommendations in regard to each issue.

ANALYSIS:

1. Zoning

This issue has been raised throughout the Management Plan exercise and is addressed specifically in the Management Plan in Section 7.3.3. The recommendation in the Plan is that the lands be placed in the Open Space (OS) zone, in compliance with the Official Plan, which designates the lands Open Space.

Comments on this issue have included a claim that funding would be more available if these lands were zoned Environmental Protection. Staff has requested further information confirming this claim. Staff is not aware of any funding that would be tied specifically to the zoning of publicly owned lands.

Under this category there is also a suggestion that the Municipality should join the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority. Given the significant cost implications of membership, more research would need to be completed prior to any decision being made.

Recommendation: That the zoning of the subject lands be Open Space (OS), as identified in the adopted Zoning By-law 001-06.

2. Parking

The recommendation in the Plan is for no less than 13 on-street parking spaces, including 4 spaces on Nicole Boulevard and 9 on Trew Avenue. The 13 spaces are to be permit parking only. The Plan also recommends that an additional 5 non-permit spaces should be provided on Trew Avenue.

There has been significant concern expressed about the need for the 5 non-permit spaces. Also there is some concern from individuals about whether 13 on-street parking spaces are too many.

Recommendation: That the recommendation in the Plan be implemented for this season, including 5 non-permit spaces on Trew Avenue, but that the proposed Bluewater Advisory Committee and the Municipal Law Enforcement Section monitor this matter.

3. Washrooms

The Plan recommends that the washrooms continue to be portable systems provided between May and September. It was also recommended that composting toilet solutions be considered over the long term.

There is general agreement from the submissions made that only the portable, seasonal washrooms should be considered.

Recommendation: While the Plan only suggests that more permanent structures be considered over the long term, this suggestion could be removed from the Plan.

4. Protection from Vehicular Access

The Plan recommends that park uses be restricted to appropriate activities given the sensitivity of the dune ecosystem. Inappropriate use of Blue water Beach Park by people on all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles is identified in the Plan and is reemphasized in submissions received to date.

The Plan provides a multi pronged approach, with physical barriers proposed to protect certain areas, enhanced by-law enforcement and signage, as well as active monitoring by community residents.

Included in submissions received is the suggestion that some type of physical barrier needs to be installed at each access point. Staff are in agreement that this is an important issue, but one that can be dealt with appropriately by staff and the proposed Bluewater Advisory Committee.

Recommendation: That this matter be dealt with on an ongoing basis by staff and the proposed Bluewater Advisory Committee.

The submissions received also highlighted a number of other issues that should be addressed on a go forward basis through consultation with Council and local residents.

Issues and other items identified included:

- Representation on proposed Bluewater Advisory Committee
- Wetland preservation
- Timing for specific projects within the park
- Garbage container locations
- Public Awareness Campaign level

Recognizing that the intent of the Management Plan is to “evolve over time as it is a “living” document that will be revised as conditions change”, it is recommended that the Plan be adopted and considered a starting point for “a strategic vision designed to balance social and ecological issues in a manner that ensures the long term sustainability of the natural landscape”.

The Plan recommends that a biological assessment be completed to determine the most effective approach to restore the dune landscape. Funds should be identified to have this work completed in 2006. This would provide a sound basis to prioritize future works required to restore and improve the dune landscape.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt the Bluewater Beach Management Plan, identify funds to complete a biological study & appoint a Bluewater Advisory Committee.
2. Similar to # 1, but identify short-term projects for 2006 prior to completing the biological study.
 - The risk to this approach is that there is not certainty that the projects identified are the most effective.
3. Take no further action at this time
 - Given the commitment of time, resources, and great resident input, this option is not recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

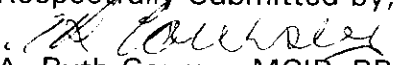
The cost of the biological study is estimated to be \$20,000.00. The Management Plan also identifies the cost of some of the short-term projects. It is recommended that funds be identified in the 2006 budget to complete the biological study and to complete some of the initiatives set out in the Plan.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that:

- The Bluewater Beach Management Plan, completed by Meridian Planning Consultants be adopted with only minor modification to the recommendation regarding washrooms,
- That Staff request the assistance of the local interest groups to identify individuals who would participate on a Bluewater Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis to work with the Municipality in determining the goals and objectives for Bluewater Beach Park,
- That Staff report back to Council on the proposed composition and terms of reference for the Bluewater Advisory Committee, and

- That funds be identified in the 2006 budget to complete the biological study and to complete some of the initiatives set out in the Plan.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A. Ruth Coursey MCIP, RPP,
CAO/Clerk

Ruth Coursey

From: Bortolin, Sandy [sandy.bortolin@nbpcd.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2005 9:05 AM
To: Ruth Coursey
Subject: RE: Bluewater Beach Management Pan

Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Ruth Coursey [mailto:rcoursey@tiny.ca]
Sent: December 8, 2005 9:05 AM
To: Bortolin, Sandy
Subject: RE: Bluewater Beach Management Pan

Good morning Sandy,

I don't have a definitive answer for you on the location of parking spaces. They are illustrated as being next to the entrance in the report, but the specific location has not been confirmed yet. I would anticipate further discussion on the specific location.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bortolin, Sandy [mailto:sandy.bortolin@nbpcd.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2005 8:55 AM
To: Ruth Coursey
Subject: Bluewater Beach Management Pan

Hi Ruth:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me the other day regarding the proposed plan by Meridian Planning. I am pleased to see that the basic message is the preservation and rehabilitation of the dunes incorporating limited public use. My concern is the amount of parking spaces. Are there too many?

In my discussion with Nick Macdonald, he suggested the the parking on Trew Ave would be limited to the very end of the street near the entrance to the Dunes, please let me know if this is the case.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Regards

Sandy Bortolin

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF TINY TOWNSHIP
130 BALM BEACH RD.
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DEC. 12/05

DEAR COUNCIL - MEMBERS ;

UNFORTUNATELY, I AM UNAVAILABLE TO ATTEND YOUR MEETING. I WOULD STRONGLY URGE NO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, EXCEPT FOR WASHROOM FACILITIES IN THE AREA OF THE SAND DUNES AND SAND BLUFFS AREA. THIS OPEN AREA IS DEEMED AND SET ASIDE FOR THE USE OF PROPERTY OWNERS ON NICOLE & NADIA STREETS BEHIND, AS WELL AS SURROUNDING PROPERTY WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE. THEIR TITLE DEEDS AND PURCHASE DISCLOSURE REFLECTS THAT. OVER CONGESTION, LITTERING, NOISE FROM CARS, PARTIES, FIRES, BROKEN GLASS AS WELL AS CONFRONTATIONS WITH DISRESPECTFUL TRESPASSERS IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE.

I CAN UNDERSTAND PERHAPS 5 PERMIT PARKING ON TREW AVE AS A MAXIMUM AT THE END OF TREW AVE. ANYTHING MORE IS UNACCEPTABLE.
PLEASE RESPECT THIS HISTORIC ENVIRONMENTAL PICTURESQUE NATURAL SITE, IT IS ONE OF A KIND, AND MUST AND WILL BE PROTECTED.

SINCERELY,

ANTHONY & WOLFGANG SODIN.



W. Sodin

Cathy Robinson

From: DeBartolo@mercedes-benz.ca
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2005 12:06 PM
To: Cathy Robinson
Subject: Bluewater Beach Management Plan Area

THIS ITEM WENT
DEC 12 2005
Cow
TO COUNCIL

Dear Sir,

I would just like to make the comment that I have owned a lot on Nicole Blvd. for about the last 18 years. As such I have paid property taxes to the township of about approximately \$5000.00. This amount for absolutely no services to me. I have a cousin also on Nicole Blvd. in the exact same situation as myself. So just between the two of us - the township has reaped about \$10,000. One of the reason we have not developed our property (and thereby increase the amount of property taxes paid to the township) is that we did not want to subject ourselves to a coronary heart attack climbing the hill to the beach. My point is that a boardwalk to the beach from Nicole Blvd. is long overdue to the ratepayers of this area. Not as a long term objective but an immediate objective. If you think of it - my cousin and I have already paid about \$10,000 of the \$90,000 cost of this boardwalk. That's just two of the scores or ratepayers in this area. And please if and when you design and build this boardwalk - do it properly and professionally - the post and rail setup that the township had installed previously - was such a joke. It's no wonder that people walked all over the dunes - that setup demonstrated to us exactly what the township thought of the dunes and the area. Thank you for your time.

REGARDS,

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To: Meridian Planning Consultants and
The Planning Partnership

From: The Deanlea Beach Association

Re: Bluewater Beach Park Draft Management Plan
November 14, 2005

My name is William (Bill) Palmer. I am writing to you as a Deanlea Beach cottage-owner and the Vice-President of the Deanlea Beach Association. After reviewing the Draft Management Plan for Bluewater Park, I have the following comments:

1. The Draft Management Plan appears to summarize well the ideas generated in the discussions held at workshop #2 on September 24, 2005 in Wyebidge, ON. We appreciate the way this public consultation was arranged and conducted and were pleased to have had the opportunity to provide our opinions.
2. We appreciate the emphasis that has been placed on protection and restoration of the Dunes. The proposed use of snow & wind fencing, permanent fences and boardwalks to control public access to the most sensitive dune areas is a significant change and demonstrates the seriousness of Management Plan. Furthermore, the selection of the low number of parking spaces (13) along Trew Ave. and Nicole Blvd. from the available density options also shows the seriousness of controlling public access to the Park.
3. No details were provided in the Management Plan about the signs to be erected at the Park Entrances bounding Deanlea Beach: i) at the southern end of the beach or ii) the south corner boundary adjacent to Deanlea Beach. The northern part of Deanlea Beach is comprised of private lots owned by Deanlea Beach residents and private roads owned by the Deanlea Beach Association. We repeat our request that a clear sign and boundary posts demarking this public-private boundary should be erected at both these points.
4. Further to point 3, we would prefer that the south corner entrance from Deanlea Beach at Pinnacle Ave. remain relatively undeveloped. Pinnacle Ave. is a private road owned by the Deanlea Beach Association and public access to the park from this point should not be encouraged. Public parking is not permitted on Pinnacle Ave., nor any private roads owned by the Deanlea Beach Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the planning process.

Respectfully submitted by:

William (Bill) Palmer, Vice-President, Deanlea Beach Association

Ruth Coursey

From: Eugene Chambers [e.chambers@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2005 9:31 AM
To: Ruth Coursey
Subject: re draft beach plan from yesterday

Ruth:

I attended the afternoon session of Council yesterday where Meridian presented their draft plan for the Bluewader Dunes Management Plan.

After hearing their plan, I have two major concerns in regard to it.

1. No mention was made in their plan on how they intend to physically prevent snowmobilers & ATVers from driving on the beach.

They talked about snow fencing for the dune areas, and signs prohibiting motorized vehicles, but we already have signs posted now prohibiting their use, and it hasn't stopped the problem. Some type of physical barrier needs to be installed at each end of the beach, and at the end of Trew Ave.

I hope that this has been covered in their written plan, and I'm looking forward to seeing it posted on the Township's web site asap.

2. I'm upset about the fact that they see no need to zone the dunes as Environmentally Protected!

Both of the presenters alluded several times to the need to protect and restore the dune ecology, yet at the same time the comment was made that it isn't a wetland or woodland. This really concerns me, as it shows the lack of ecological knowledge on the part of both the presenters. A dune ecology is FAR MORE fragile than either a wetland or woodland environment, and failure to recognize this illustrates the lack of environmental expertise on the part of the planners.

This is a result of the failure on the part of the planners to include someone on the planning team with the proper ecological background - one of the recommendations from the September input session from our group that they chose to ignore.

Nick also stated yesterday that he felt that this was only a localized site and didn't merit rezoning to EP. Even if it is just one single localized site in the entire township, it still merits consideration for rezoning due to its unique nature. His cavalier statement reflects the fact that he is too closely involved in the zoning master plan to see a need for an exception - a case of being too involved with the forest to recognize a unique tree in it so to speak!

I hope that you can convince Council to change their minds on this zoning issue.

Eugene Chambers
Secretary, Bluewater Dunes Ratepayer sAssociation



Bluewater Dunes Ratepayers Corporation

(Bluewater Dunes Ratepayers Association)

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To:

**Ruth Coursey CAO and
The Council of the Township Of Tiny
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Perkinsfield, Ontario L0L 2J0**

Re:

Position Response to the Bluewater Beach Management Plan as presented to Council on November 8th 2005.

The following represents the positions and observations given to our Board since the official publication of the above mentioned Plan.

Council has to appreciate that very little time was given to us for contacting our members and compiling their answers.

First, we would like to commend this Council for having taken time to listen to us. In general, the current plan is responsive to our input, and the future of this wonderful area – our backyard so to speak – seems to have fallen on better time.

However, we feel that some issues need to be addressed:

1- Zoning. (Page 31)

Most of our members are shocked that the report refuses to recognize this sensitive area as Environmentally Protected. Some of the arguments given by the Township consultants are even contradictory. We would like to remind Council that we already opposed to the OS zoning during the last zoning by-law public meeting, a position which was restated at our August 8th 2005 Oral Submission.

Furthermore, it is our understanding that the Official plan is due to review shortly, and this would be an excellent opportunity for Council to shown its determination to enforce its Environment Policy First.

Finally, our researches have shown that – because of the current zoning - many grants we could have applied to will be refused. If Council wants grant money to support this plan, we need the EP zoning. Otherwise, Council will have to fund the entire project.

We urge Council to reconsider this position and declare the Dunes area as EP.

2- Wetland.

It is the position of our Association that what was done is done. You cannot restore wetlands artificially. Let Nature do it's work. Maybe the restoration of the first row of dunes will ultimately result in a natural restoration of the depression behind them. We have a much more important priority to protect and restore the main dunes.

3- Protection Against Vehicle Access (Entrances P18)

No mention was made how to physically prevent snowmobilers & ATVers from driving on the beach.

Snow fencing for the dune areas, and signs prohibiting motorized vehicles are mentioned, but we already have signs posted now prohibiting their use, and it hasn't stopped the problem. Some type of physical barrier needs to be installed at each access point, including the Deanlea Beach one, and especially at both ends of the beach.

4- Main Dunes.

The plan should immediately address the dramatic degradation of the main dunes. The last 3 storms have just worsened the situation. Sand has flown on all Nicole, up to the back streets. Mr. Saponara's driveway and Mrs. Garland's house were the most affected. We recommend this area be taken care of first.

5- Pumping House Entrance.

The plan does not explicitly address the necessity to have this area properly protected. Erosion here too is dramatic. Wind barriers should be installed on the path from the beach at this location as soon as possible.

6- Garbage. (Page 27)

The plan shows Garbage/recycling in the middle of the beach area. This location does not offer easy collection, and our members are concerned about spilling due to abuse or even high winds. On page 24 we are unclear of the logistics of the Township for collection of garbage and recycling bins on the beach. Are they proposing to use motorized vehicles?

7- Composting Toilets.

These are permanent toilets, and it was unanimously stated that our Associations collectively do not want his type of construction.

8- Role and Responsibilities (Page 30)

We would like Council to recognize that the "Bluewater Advisory Committee" be handled by the already created and non partisan Bluewater Conservation Authority group which has not only the endorsement of the local Associations, but also the means, through it's Website, to help the Township inform, educate and communicate with the Tiny Township Residents at large. (Why reinvent the wheel?)

Some members also pointed out that a massive Newspaper Awareness campaign may have the adverse result of attracting more day-trippers and therefore create more intensive usage of this area.

Within the responsibilities of the local residents, many members have asked how we can get "the ears and eyes " of the Township, when it takes generally time for the by-law offices to attend local issues after a call.

Page 16, article 4.32 puts all onus of appropriate use on visitors without explaining how enforcement will work. Are we to approach people on ATV's; or are we expected to rush home and phone the by-law officers ?

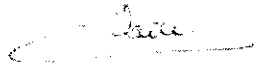
Page 25 indicates another repetition of the onus on the residents to report infractions without any kind of expectation of follow up and response.

Conclusion

Once again, thank you for your attention on our input. We are ready to work with the Township to restore and protect and this unique area.

Sincerely,

For the BDRA Board of Directors – Dec. 7th 2005 Executive Meeting.



Andre Claire.

CC Gabriel Telfer / Vice President
 Gene Chambers / Secretary
 Carrie Pyatt / Treasurer
 Marg Graham / Officer
 Barb Talbot / Officer
 Domenic Lentini / Officer
 Vita Catalano / Officer

DATE: December 9, 2005
TO: Council, Township of Tiny & CAO, Ruth Coursey
FROM: David Wiseman

RE: Document: Bluewater Beach Management Plan Area
By: Meridian Planning Consultants
Draft: November 14, 2005
Presented to Council: November 28, 2005

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF:



BLUEWATER GEORGINA WENDAKE BEACHES ASSOCIATION

Vern Owen, President
Ian Ferguson, Vice-President
Bruce Cook, Secretary, Treasurer

Directors:
Rosetta Raso
Gino Franceschetti
Bob McIntyre
Tony Rovito
David Wiseman

Bluewater Conservation Authority

Bluewater Conservation Authority of the Township of Tiny and CAO

Member Organizations:

Trew Avenue Residents
The Bluewater Dunes Ratepayers Corporation
The Bluewater Georgina Wendake Association
Other Township Ratepayers

The following represents the collective response of The Bluewater Georgina Wendake Beach Association and the Bluewater Conservation Authority to the draft Bluewater Beach Management Plan.

Everyone has expressed satisfaction with the process of public consultation in this matter and we are pleased to continue to have the opportunity to provide input to the process. While the report, on the whole, embodies the results of the consultation and workshops, there are a few major areas which remain at issue:

1. Zoning

Without exception, the biggest concern that has been expressed was over the zoning of this area. It needs to be clearly identified as environmentally sensitive, significant and warranting protection.

At the last public meeting to discuss the Proposed Zoning By-Law 30-77 in June, we objected to the current zoning of this property. At each of the workshops regarding this property we have objected to the zoning of this property. The Consultants have said this is not necessary and we continue to ***strongly disagree***. This area must be re-zoned EP1 and we believe this should form part of the Management Plan.

The Township's Official Plan puts forward a principle for "environment first". The Town of Wasaga is currently identifying their ecological resources through a study by the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources to identify sand dunes areas that need protection. Tiny must be perceived as following their own official plan of "environment first" and follow the example of neighboring municipalities. This area is clearly identified by a Geof Peach, a coastal geomorphologist, as environmentally significant and sensitive.

Almost every current government and municipality in Ontario is a member of a conservation authority. The Conservation Act of Ontario is thus superintended and the greater public good is protected by those with the experience, and co-operation with the local government.

We need to be represented and strongly urge the council to apply for membership with the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority whose watershed does not currently include Tiny but does include Wasaga – a close neighbor with similar topography and ecological issues.

2. Funding

People have expressed concerns about funding and that the Township itself, has already expressed concerns about their ability to deliver some of plan. There is in fact funding available to assist the Township – provided the area is zoned EP1. It will not qualify otherwise. The Township is again, urged to re-zone the area to EP1 thereby informing other levels of governmental and environmental agencies that this is indeed a significant, sensitive environmental area which deserves its share of funding to restore and preserve its natural state.

3. Parking

The consensus again, is the same as it has been from the beginning of the process – that non-permit parking should not be allowed. The park is for use by residents of Tiny, for whom permits are available.

When the Management Plan was presented to Council, Mr. MacDonald indicated the 13 parking spots should be allocated 4 to the Nicole entrance and 9 to the Trew Ave entrance. There is general agreement with this. What we ***strongly disagree with*** is (a) Mr. MacDonald's recommendation beyond the written report that there should be 5 additional non-permit parking spaces and (b) the notion that this can be "thrown in" to Council outside the report itself.

4. Washrooms

The general consensus is that portable, seasonal washrooms are a good idea. Most of the responses objected to the recommendation that composting toilets in "permanent structures" was not at all what anyone suggested or wants and should be stricken from the report.

5. Protection from Vehicular Access

Concerns abound for protection from vehicular access to the park - from ATV's to snowmobiles and motorcycles. There should be provision for a vehicle barricade of closely spaced posts at the major entrances to the park entrance – specifically, from Trew Ave.

6. Name

We recommend the name of the area be changed to more properly reflect the nature of the area. We recommend Council adopt a new name – something like “Bluewater Nature Preserve” instead of “park” to create a more consistent perception of what the area is and what we are trying to achieve. This would be the first step in providing education to visitors.

7. Community Representative

We recommend the community group which the Township should partner with should be the Bluewater Conservation Authority – already established and providing service to the taxpayers surrounding the Bluewater Preserve. We have had feedback from many people who have already pledged support to help in the efforts to restore and maintain this area. We should strive to keep the momentum going.

Ruth Coursey

From: Rgpropmng@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2005 11:47 PM
To: Ruth Coursey
Subject: response re Bluewater

Ruth,

These are my concerns re the draft.

Firstly,

1. I know for a fact that funding is available for restoration of the dunes. This is a huge cost for the town and taxpayers to incur and funding is important to offset this cost. I know that positively that the dunes must be zoned EP1 to qualify. This may be a political issue, but it is very important to note that an open space designation will NOYT qualify and that zoning EP1 will open many avenues for generous grants. Environment first is the adopted plan. All other issues can still be negotiated. Available funding has been well researched and we are willing to provide concrete evidence of this fact via our Beach Association contacts.
2. I object to the management being "alive" and subject to change at the Town's and subsequent Council's discretion. That leaves this wide open to future objectionable changes and further debate. I would like to know where the future of my community is going regarding this sensitive issue. We are dealing with real people here. I am close to retirement as many in this community. We have been here 53 years, generations of our family have invested their time and savings preparing for retirement, have paid a majority of the taxes here in Tiny in good faith for a minimum of services, i.e. we have only been here a few months out of the year and do not utilize a majority of the services. We need a concrete plan that is not subject to change, anything less is unacceptable.
3. The suggested education re: newspaper articles and all other means that the draft mentioned (apart from non elaborate sign age at the dunes entrance appears to me as a waste of taxpayer's money and seems to be a means to provide free and unnecessary advertisement/publicity. It will in no doubt attract more people to the sight and then in turn would cause the town to review the strategy, implement more parking, permanent washrooms and what else? Remember, this is in deed a Community park, not for general public use. Let us stick to that. There is absolutely NO reason to draw more attention to this "park". Anyone who visits will indeed be privy to the sign age.
4. Dunes were not destroyed by kids running up and down them, snowmobiles in the winter when they are covered in snow, now the occasional off road vehicle. I do although agree to prohibit off road vehicles as this is a danger to the activities in this passive beach and a nuisance to the residents. The dunes in fact were destroyed by the town trucking out sand as the report confirms and the subsequent filling in/levelling of the wetlands. I suggest that the Town simply just truck enough sand back to start to restore the first dune, which was the reason for erosion of the second dune, which was the reason for erosion of/ sand blown into the properties behind. I am not a scientist, nor does this draft claim to be a scientific report, though this seems quite simple and logical to me. I have lived here a long time and witnessed the changes that nature can bring on if left alone to it's own devices.
5. Dune vegetation will re-grow it self. I have experienced this first hand at my property, where it became necessary to bulldoze sand over the last several years and vegetation (grass and other plants) grew back by the end of the season. My kids play on this vegetation and constantly are pulling it up as well. It is indestructible if left alone from regular machine interference and does grow back and take root quite nicely and quickly.
6. Non permit parking is absolutely NOT acceptable. Parking should be only for residents in the area. If non-residents wish to visit, there are provincial parks provided for this reason. My family did not have the foresight to purchase shoreline property at Bluewater to provide access to the rest of the province and everyone else. This is a community beach for those in the community, who respect the beach and pitch in to keep it clean and safe.
7. As such, we do NOT need the Town to clean up the beach in front of our properties because it is used ONLY residents and being residents they respect their use of the beach.
7. The budget the draft proposes concerns me; is absolutely over the top. Snow fencing does not cost \$10,000 for example, it could be purchased for one tenth of that cost and I am sure that any resident would be willing to put it up for for again another tenth of that cost. I am willing to challenge all the costs proposed in the draft. I

am sure that our Township is diligent in spending our tax dollars wisely and I am confident that the restoration of the dunes does not need to be such a huge expense.

8. Wetland cannot be replaced. Again I reiterate that I am not a scientist but my research assures me of this. What qualifications do an planning engineer and an landscape architect have to even suggest this? It is gone forever and it would be a waste of time, money and effort to try to replace it. It is a crime that it was destroyed, that is in the past and the least of our concerns at this point. If it evolves naturally, that is great. We are not talking about a nice little plan here for a pond and goldfish and waterfalls. How important is this at this point?

9. I feel that we are only being paid lip service and our concerns are not being properly valued. It has been expressed implicitly and unanimously from the first of these meetings what the people want. No washrooms have turned into some temporary, to the possibility of permanent structures, no parking has turned into some. Please do not forget that Trew Avenue was signed no parking on either side not long ago. The signs mysteriously disappeared in the middle of the night with absolutely no explanation. The Town was notified and acted by replacing signs on one side of the road only. We the residents of Bluewater are most affected and our opinions need to be adopted if this is to work.

10. Do we really need a board walk? I don't remember one, but do not dispute there once being one. I know that this is on the end of the list but I need to state that I think that is a big waste of money to consider and completely unnecessary. I have spent my entire life here, have witnessed the changes due to nature and otherwise. I derive great pleasure walking barefoot on the sand, in the dunes and included. I do not want my children and I to be confined to strict paths. I am of the opinion that if the fore dune is restored significantly by replacing the sand and then letting nature take it's turn, the vegetation is allowed to grow back, ie. the town not removing anymore sand and the vegetation with it, the dunes and sand can be walked and played on and enjoyed as God intended it to be.

Ruth, could you please forward my reply to the Mayor and members of Council individually right away. I do not have their individual mailing addresses and I would like give them at least a week before the meeting on the 12th to take feedback into careful consideration.

Thank you,

R. Greig

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