



Town of
East Gwillimbury

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Dear Sir/Madame:

For your information and records, at its regular meeting held on November 5, 2012, the Municipal Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from Mr. & Mrs. Brooks, regarding the condition of Soldier's Bay, be received; and

THAT the Municipal Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury forwards this correspondence to Community Programs and Infrastructure, Region of York Transportation Department, Region of York Environment Department and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for their consideration; and

THAT a response be sent to the resident advising of Council's direction.

If you have, any further questions feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Fernando Lamanna, BA
Deputy Clerk
Legal and Council Support Services

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Brooks
The Regional Municipality of York, Environment Department
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

"Our town, Our future"

Wm. & Mary Brooks

September 30, 2012

Councillor
Ms. Marlene Johnston
Town of East Gwillimbury

19000 Leslie St.
Sharon, Ontario L0G 1V0

Ms. Marlene Johnston;

As residents of East Gwillimbury, "**Solder's Bay**", for over forty years, We must point out the deploring condition this bay has evolved into. This once wonderful place, that we were so proud of, full of wild life and recreation, that even a memorial plaque was affixed, for all to recognize, is now but a large salad bowl. The picnickers and fishermen are gone, the boaters are gone, the wild life is disappearing, even the transient water fowl find it difficult to ascend and descend here. This bay is a part of our heritage, roots to our culture. This embarrassing situation, needs to be corrected.

My observations

1/ Back when there was no Queensville Side Road, and there was no Marina, the bay waters flowed freely, and stagnate waters did not exist.

2/ When the original Queensville Side Road was erected, a culvert was placed under the road bed at the south end of the bay. Water was still able to flow freely through the bay.

3/ When the Marina came and installed the access road to the back of their yard, the majority of the water flow was blocked. Although some flow was still present, through the existing culvert.

4/ When, in the seventies, the Queensville Side Road was moved south, and the new concrete bridge was erected, the old road became a service road to the Marina, and a nice small area for people to park their car, launch their boat, go fishing, and have a picnic. At this time, the existing culvert was removed, with no explanation?? Now there is absolutely no water flowing in the bay. The result is continuing decomposing silt, depositing on the bottom of the bay, with no chance of regress. The bay is now full!

Obviously this has taken a long time to become prevalent, but it is a fact, and we as residents, were not the cause of this. Please, this problem needs to be addressed by those responsible!

Thank you in advance for your help and understanding of this concerning issue.

Sincerely,

Wm. & Mary Brooks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Brooks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "M" and "B".