

From: Township of Georgian Bluffs

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To: council@georgianbluffs.ca

Subject: Road Maintenance of road allowance between lots 15

Hello, I'm emailing you in regards to the recent council decision to cease road maintenance operations on the road allowance off of Grey Rd 170, north of Shallow Lake, between lots 15 and 16. I find this decision to be very disappointing as I have an entrance off of that road for access to my farm buildings.

My grandparents owned the farm on lot 15 from the early 1950's until 1975 when they sold it to my parents and then built the farm on lot 16. I purchased that property from Grandmother in 2002. The township has always maintained the road in all that time as a secondary road.

I believe if you look at old maps, that this would be considered to be the 15th sideroad, as it is called north of Mountain Lake. Although it was never opened up past the end of the area presently cleared. It likely should have been named when Lot/Concession system was changed to the Fire # system, as Lot 15 does not formally have a entrance to Grey County Rd 170. At one time, while Martin Timmerman was supervisor, trees were cut and gravel brought in to widen the end area for trucks to turn around, as he explained that the township trucks could not go on the private property, which would commence at the end of the turn around to where Mark and Heather Stewart live now.

The township has several roads that are similar including Lundy Sdrd, which has only 2 properties, and the trucks turn around at the end of it, and is similar in width to the road in discussion. Should the owners of those properties be worried the township would stop maintaining that road too?

I'm not sure why the plowing stopped in 2022, one can only guess that it might have to do with high turnover in the roads dept. Fortunately, Mark and Heather Stewart have a great neighborly relationship with my wife and I. We've both stepped up to keep the road opened when needed, however, you could see how this arrangement might come in to question should either of us have to sell.

I hope you will reconsider this action,

Regards,

Derek DeVries