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Subject: RE: Resident Walk-In Access to Bass Lake
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Dear Council Members of Georgian Bluffs:

In 1979 my family purchased a summer residence at [REDACTED] on Bass Lake. For as long as I can remember the residents of this private road have had a Road Association. This is not a registered, legal organization but it has served us in the management of road affairs. There is typically one meeting in the Fall of each year to socialize and deal with any business matter impacting the road. Most matters are routine, such as dealing with road maintenance and snow removal. From time to time, more serious issues are dealt with such as the milfoil weed issue and the closing of the public access when Council was closely involved, I believe in 2019. We had a meeting in the Fall of 2022 and there was no mention of a reopening of the public access.

It was a great surprise and dismaying when I heard that Courtney Sprout had recently made a presentation to Council suggesting that there was significant support for a reopening of the access. Clearly, this is a topic which should have been discussed by all residents of our community before any presentation to Council. Courtney did not canvas all residents and in fact is representing Tom and Noreen McMahon as the realtor trying to sell their home. Courtney is not, I believe, a property owner on Lakeview Drive although her parents are.

Council thoroughly investigated the situation those few years ago and decided to close the access. I do not need to reiterate the issues leading to the closure because they are well known to you. I do believe, however, that the same issues exist today and that it would be inappropriate to reopen the subject. Many residents are strongly opposed to having public access to the lake. It is not because we have no sympathy for residents who do not have access but because of the risks related to safety and liability.

I would respectfully suggest, therefore, that Council does not agree to reopening a public access to Bass Lake from Lakeview Drive.

Best regards,

Barrie Boatman

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