

To Georgian Bluffs Township Council,

My wife Heather and I have owned 1 [REDACTED] since May of 2016. We were also seasonal customers of Bass Lake Park from 2010 until we purchased the cottage at on Lakeview.

Like our waterfront neighbors, we were shocked to find out that on May 10th, a person we had never met, Courtney Sprout, had made a presentation to council asking for public access to Bass Lake be reopened.

After watching the video of the meeting, it was disturbing that some blatant lies were said by Courtney. The most misleading was that she said she got approval from Judy (Jeffery-Chambers) to open up an access point next to her property at 111 Lakeview. Judy has never met or communicated with her. Courtney is apparently not even a property owner on Lakeview, although her parents are.

She organized this presentation behind the backs of the Lakeview waterfront owners.

Courtney has a serious conflict of interest in requesting access. She is a real estate agent out of Kitchener and has been trying to sell 128 Lakeview since last September. Courtney requesting lake access seems to be motivated by being able to add that to the listing and charge more money. Her sign was on the property until Friday morning, May 18, but was taken down just prior to any weekend visits from councilors.

We think reopening public access to the lake would result in outsiders coming again. Unfortunately, I don't think there would be any way to keep access to Lakeview concession owners only. Word would eventually get out. We recall the years with the old access point that had the stairs down the cliff, seeing crowds of people and boats docked there.

There seems to be only 6 houses that are in favor of reopening access and 2 of those are for sale!

With the cost of new stairs built to code, safety, trespassing and liability issues, we request that council not reopen Bass Lake access.

Respectfully,  
Brad and Heather Mayes