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# Lake Matinenda Cottage Association

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TOWN OF BLIND RIVER

JULY 6, 1999

DEAR SIR:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors it was decided to write you before the Town Hall Information Meeting scheduled for July 7, 1999. In order to make an informed decision on the important matter of amalgamating with the Town of Blind River, we feel that the following information is needed.

We need specific written notice of what the costs will be to the cottagers. With District Service Boards being introduced we need to know the impact on our taxes with and without amalgamation.

We would require a written agreement stating the services which would be provided by the Town of Blind River. Specifically, what dockage (number of slips), dock attendants (supervisors), dock repairs, lights at the Landing, waste removal, parking provisions and snow plowing/removal will be provided.

What services can we expect? We refer to: police, by-law enforcement, ambulance and fire protection.

Which codes would be applied under amalgamation? We refer to: building, health, sanitation codes.

What effect would amalgamation have with respect to further land development, additional access points to the Lake and additional commercial development on the Lake? What is the effect of our provincial status as a "protected area"?

We would expect the increase in taxes to be phased in over a 3-year period and, in addition, would expect any provincial government reductions and phase-ins to be applied to our tax increases.

Representation on Town Council would be an important matter and so we would want an elected representative on Council.

Since 1962 this Association has provided for the needs of the cottagers on the Lake. At this time we are responsible for the docks, dock attendants, waste removal, lighting at the Landing and parking. The cottagers pay for these services through annual membership dues and feel we do a good job. It is not surprising that at last year's Annual General Meeting it was carried that we do not want to be annexed by anyone. If, however, we must be, then we see Blind River as a more natural link.

If the Association is to support amalgamation we would need recognition that we possess valuable assets (docks, Welcome House, boat ramp, signs, and Dock Shack). We require compensation for these assets. For example, Association member would not expect to be charged launching, parking or docking fees since we have paid and maintained these services for many years.

A special note for the commercial Lodges, Resorts and Guide Services on the Lake: these important service providers on our Lake are worried about the high commercial taxes in Blind River and fear they will not be able to operate after amalgamation. Special provision will have to be made for them.

We look forward to an informative and worthwhile meeting on July 7th.

Sincerely,

*Gene Kermicki*  
Acting Secretary

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