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To the Township of Brock,

I am a resident of Beaverton and the owner of one of the larger boats (a 3807 Carver) docked in the Beaverton Marina that drafts 42 inches. I am writing because my (and many other's) boat are at significant risk of damage because of the lack of waterway maintenance.

Every year things get worse in the Beaverton Waterway. There are active sandbars created by spring run-off which results in the shallow areas moving.

The rumor mill states last year the feds did a sounding and claimed the problem was between Beaverton harbour and the yacht club entrance and so was not a federal problem. (For the record I totally disagree with that assessment as it is a charted navigable waterway and it should be up to the feds to keep it that way! The charted navigable waterway extends past the entrance to the yacht club in fact!). This year the sand bar has moved significantly west and grown in size and height; to the point at this time of high water I only show 4 feet 4 inches on my depth gauge when I pass over it. This is the time of high water levels! Another six inches of water level drop and my props will hit bottom. I also feel the sand bar is clearly now in Beaverton Harbor's official area of responsibility that even the claim it is not a fed problem is now mute.

Recently another Beaverton Yacht Club member ran aground trying to get into the Yacht Club and had to get the police to tow her free. We often get large boats exiting the Trent system and coming to Beaverton Yacht Club for gas and repairs. I have seen many of them run aground in the past two years! They were trusting the charts!!!

The situation of finger pointing and passing the buck is unacceptable. We need leadership and a commitment to do the right thing, which is to resolve this problem by dredging the waterway.

Bottom line, as a Beaverton taxpayer I ask the municipality to arrange to have the charted waterway dredged to its charted depths so we can continue to use the yacht club. If the feds will not pay for dredging then the municipality must pick up the tab. It is time to stop passing the buck. The time for action is past due. We need it done ASAP. We already have boats running around and more severe damage is just around the corner as water levels fall. As positive motivation, there is a lot of economic benefit to the Beaverton community by yacht club members who frequent the stores and restaurants of Beaverton. As cautionary motivation, there will be a lot of lawsuits filed against the community by insurance companies if large boats start putting in claims for damage to running gear and hulls. They will not accept the lack of responsibility claimed currently.

If you need a petition I can get everyone in the yacht club to sign one, but surely this is a clear issue that does not have to escalate to that ridiculousness to get resolved?

I hope an action plan can put into effect, as creatively as needs to be to resolve any impasses. The status quoted is totally unacceptable and will soon lead to major financial damages to

more boats.

Many thanks,

Brady Aubin

