

The Honourable Garfield Dunlop  
MPP Simcoe North  
Provincial Legislature  
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**Date:**

Dear Mr. Garfield,

Re: A proposed "Strategic Plan"  
In the Township of Tiny, County Simcoe –  
***that will end almost 200 years of historical  
public use of "community" beaches.***  
Vote date: Friday, Nov. 14, 2008

I am writing to you, as a member of the Ardmore Beach Community Association, to object to a political situation that's rapidly worsening in Tiny Township, County Simcoe. It's one that has quite serious ramifications for *all* the beach going public of this county – whether year round or summer residents.

Tiny Township Council is on the point of passing a kind of "omnibus bill" (they're calling it a "Strategic Plan") within which is buried a clause that will effectively ban all vacationers (both resident and non resident), *who do not own properties overlooking the water*, from using and enjoying vast tracts of our area's world famous beaches.

These "community" beaches have historically been used and enjoyed by ***all the public for almost two hundred years***. In the case of our beach, Ardmore Beach, since the first survey was completed in 1821.

Well, Tiny's "Plan" will change all that.

At first glance, this Plan uses all the *right* words – going on about "visions", "guiding principles", the need to "protect, nurture and enrich our heritage" and "respect" for "distinct cultures and traditions". Well, here's the problem: there's another word in that document – a little word called "access" – and it's being used in reference to Tiny Township's "recreational resources" ( *read* "beaches").

"Access" as used by Tiny Township Council in this proposed Plan, *means only the right to walk along the water's edge* - nothing more. With this word, Council gives beachfront residents the clout to call Police, who will arrive to get you to move along, keep going if you do not own a property on the water at that beach.

After almost two centuries of enjoying our community beaches, we will be forever banned from putting down a towel to suntan, frolicking in the waves with our kids and pets, having a picnic lunch, lazing the day away on an inflatable raft or playing catch, flying a kite. It ends it all forever, Mr. Dunlop – for everybody, that is, except the beachfront owners.

We have written to the Premier and the Attorney General about this situation. Our group, as well as others, has lobbied them to pay attention to the publicly little-known fact that beachfront owners all along the eastern sand beaches of Nottawasaga Bay have been quietly but feverishly re-surveying their properties ***and pushing their lot lines all the way to the water's edge!*** They then submit their new surveys to the Ontario Registry Office and place them on their property Title – ***a misuse of Ontario's Boundaries Act*** – in a bid to make them legal.

And all of this is happening in eager anticipation by beachfront property owners of the passing of this seemingly benign “Strategic Plan” – containing that powerful little word “access”.

Mr. Dunlop, we need someone with your leadership skills to sort out the situation. I really hope you will read this letter personally and find it in your heart to stand up for ***all*** Simcoe County North families – whether they are permanent residents of Tiny Township or summer inhabitants – who simply enjoy spending a glorious summer's day at a **community** beach.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**NAME:**

**TINY TOWNSHIP ADDRESS:**

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