

City of St. Thomas
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Mayor Jackson

Chair

Environmental Stewardship Committee,

Submitted for inclusion in the Petitions and Communications Section of the July 12, 2018 meeting.

I am writing to you on behalf of the residents who attended the lake walk June 14.

Three, (H. Schraeder, R. Singer, R. Tucker) of ten members of the Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) joined the residents for the lake walk June 14.

On June 27, I was advised that three additional members of the committee (Justin Lawrence, KCCA rep and Ms Hontar) and one resident took their own tour of the lake. It would have been better to have all the committee and the residents that were present, join together in one group to learn more about Lake Margaret, rather than embarking on two tours? Without common shared knowledge, how can the committee possibly make informed decisions?

As the Mayor reiterated to Council on June 18, the Lake Margaret Environmental Management Plan passed by Council in 2010 states "no watercraft and no fishing" and will be abided by. We have every confidence the Mayor will discuss the committee's terms of reference as well as, Council's and the Committee's, intention to abide by the Plan.

I wish to thank Ross Tucker on behalf of those accompanying him on the walk for giving his time to guide the two committee members and the eight residents on a very informative tour of the lake. He has a knowledge of the lake which will help him guide the developed solutions to completion. It is very evident when Ross talks about Lake Margaret that he sees this body of water and surrounding natural area as a true environmental rarity.

We hope that the Committee will develop sound conservation practices for this environmentally sensitive area in our city.



Sincerely

David Collins

On behalf of the Lake Margaret lakeside residents