

From: Julian Pope
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 6:30:10 PM
To: Martina Chait
Cc: Heather Watson
Subject: Crowes Landing Public Wharf

I am writing to you today to express my concern over the current situation at Crowes Landing.

As a second generation Stoney Laker and current owner the Western Part of Island 85 West of the westerly channel, also known as Pope Island, I am concerned about how use of the public wharf is being abused by certain local contractors who blatantly park their work boats and barges at Crowes Landing often for long periods of time and for many days, including overnight. This has created a concerning situation in that local cottage owners, and in particular Islanders, have limited and in some cases no access to park their boats in order to access the mainland via the landing, often only for short periods of time.

Crowes landing has always been a gateway to the lake for Islanders and visitors to the lake alike. The public wharf is just that, a public way to access the lake and yet these individuals are instead now using the landing as their own private parking lot and by default are restricting access to the lake for tax paying Islanders such as myself and many others. This is hardly public access anymore!

Many years ago, when Crowes Landing was a designated federal Harbour, there were signs clearly posted that restricted overnight parking at the public docks. Since the township has assumed ownership of the public docks, there are no longer any signs or for that matter any enforcement of any rule of law that governs docking at this public access point to Stoney Lake. This lack of regulation and enforcement has emboldened local contractors to avoid making private parking arrangements for the parking of their work barges and has thus restricted access to the lake for many.

I am writing to you to request that council look at this matter seriously and address these concerns by possibly introducing a by-law that would govern dock usage at Crowes Landing, including a restriction for overnight parking. As the former President of the local cottagers association, The USLA, I have received numerous calls of concerns from fellow Islanders and would ask that action be taken.

Kindest Regards,

Julian Pope