



SANS SOUCI AND COPPERHEAD ASSOCIATION

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Reeve Liverance:

Re: Proposed Site Alteration and Tree Preservation By-Laws

I am writing on behalf of the Sans Souci and Copperhead Association with respect to the proposed site alteration and tree preservation bylaws. Our Board has received input from many of our members and discussed this topic at our January 23 meeting. While this is not an issue where it is possible to have a unanimous view, or even a tight consensus, we believe there is broad support in our community for the following views:

1. Some regulation is appropriate to protect the visual landscape and natural environment, to prevent large-scale site alteration and tree removal. This is the position of a clear majority of our Board members;
2. There are major concerns among our members about the proposed by-laws in their current form, particularly the tree preservation by-law. While it seems likely that the site alteration by-law could be revised so as to address community concerns, the tree preservation bylaw probably requires a "clean sheet" re-write; and
3. Given the extent of the changes required to these proposed by-laws, the Township should spend the necessary time to consider them, and plan for another round of consultation with the community in order to achieve an excellent result that will have broad support.

We recognize and value the effort the Township has invested in this project, and your sincere commitment to protecting a natural environment of rare beauty and significance. We see ourselves not just as ratepayers, but as stewards of this unique place. We also recognize just how difficult it is to create excellent regulation in this area. We are committed to working with you to do so and would be pleased to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

Glen Campbell

President