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From: Buster Welch [buster@fishquilt.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2010 6:12 AM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON) BW
Subject: East Lake Wpg development
Sir:

When the channel digging first was published in the Free Press, I wrote to DFO and rec'd some pap about the proponent exceeding guidelines. Having personally on DFO's "No Net Habitat Loss" guidelines when they were first promulgated, and as an aquatic ecologist, I can say that there should be NO disturbance to the vanishing wetlands of Lake Winnipeg's south basin. Not only is it fish habitat, but a gazillion waterfowl use the same area to stage during the fall migration.

I live on Wavey Creek and have frequently seen truckloads of muck, cattails sticking out the top, dredged from properties that become beach front rather than marsh front. This sort of nonsense HAS to stop.

As in "JUST SAY NO".

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From: elaine [jemand@mts.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 11:03 AM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON) BW
Subject: concerns re Rettie's EAP report

Attachments: my letter to conservation re EAP report-sent.docx

I am attaching a letter of objections from myself and my husband who are residents of Island Beach.
Thank you in advance for taking our concerns before making any final decisions.

Jim & Elaine

**RE: OBJECTION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL (EAP) REPORT-
CHANNEL- BEACONIA, MANITOBA SE 16-1-7E**

As a Resident of Beaconia, Manitoba (more specific Island Beach) and a taxpayer to the RM of St Clements, I would like to present a formal objection to the EAP report submitted by Bob Rettie dated September 16, 2010. The issuance of the permit by the RM of St Clements and the Letter of Advice issued by Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) were issued with no consultation and input from the residents of Beaconia or surrounding area. I want to ensure residents' participation in all development plans and decisions that impact our community's future.

- 1) Contrary to the process outlined in the Environment Act and the Manitoba Community Land Use Planning Guide there was no participation in developing the initial proposal to DFO by Mr. Rettie in April, 2008.**

The vast majority of the residents of Beaconia, Manitoba and Island Beach were not aware of the proposed development that was submitted to DFO. When the excavation and digging of the channel and the building of the berm began, the residents approached the RM of St Clements, Selkirk & District Planning Board (SDPB), DFO, Conservation, and Water Stewardship to obtain information as to what was happening in the Beaconia Marsh. It appeared that no one was aware of what was transpiring. It was not until residents of Island Beach arranged a meeting with the Manager of SDPB and it was then that we were informed of the channel being built. There was no mention of the berm. The Manager informed us that the Developer (Mr Rettie) had permission from DFO to construct a channel on his property. When asked to see the permit, we were told that it was confidential. However he did tell us that the permit was issued after the excavation was nearly 95% completed and until then the Developer was operating without a permit. But because the Developer was so cooperative they managed to issue the permit within 24 hours based on DFO's April 23, 2008 Letter of Advice. The SDPB took this Letter as approval to proceed with the channel. However in accordance with DFO a letter of advice is not an approval but specifications as to the developer's requirement to proceed with the excavation.

- 2) Contrary to the DFO's Letter of Advice dated April 23, 2008 and the Environment Act (ensure environmental protection and to ensure economic development occurs in an environmentally responsible manner) the channel dug was not in accordance with this Letter and the berm built was not within the Environment Act.**

The Letter of Advice specified the measurements of the channel were to be 700 ft. Long 15 ft. Wide and 5 ft. deep. The actual size of the channel is 2,200 ft. long, 40 ft. wide and the depth depends on water level of the Lake. In another letter from DFO dated April 23, 2008 it clearly states "please note that the creation of a larger channel, in-water dredging or the extension of the proposed channel will require a review by DFO to determine whether the work will result in a HADD (harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction) of fish habitat".

There was no second review appended to the EAP report. The building of the berm was never addressed in this proposal to DFO.

- 3) Contrary to the SDPB permit in which there was a request for a drainage plan and the Water Stewardship drainage proposal in which a water quality specialist reviews the proposal with the aim of ensuring water quality issues are considered.**

Besides excavating a channel, the Developer built a 4 ft. berm to stop flooding of his property. No consideration was given as to the effect of this berm on drainage to the surrounding area such as Island Beach which borders onto this property. As well two separate residents of Island Beach stood and watched as the developer hammered "piles" into the Marsh. I am assuming these "piles" were put in for the future construction of the boat launch and dock. As the water supply for the surrounding areas comes from underground water sources there was no water study appended to the EAP report to support the construction of the launch and dock.

- 4) Contrary to the Water Protection Act in which it defines the "riparian area" as an area of land on the banks or in the vicinity of a water body, which due to the presence of water supports, or in the absence of human intervention would naturally support, an ecosystem that is distinctly different from that of adjacent upland area would suggest that the Developer has destroyed this area by his excavation of the channel, berm and the proposed launch and dock.**

In reading the Green Space Environment Report appended to the EAP report it would appear that all level of Governments; Federal, Provincial and Municipal have helped destroy the Riparian area along the South Basin of Lake Winnipeg. This may be due to the High Water Mark that was submitted by Mr Rettie with his proposal to the DFO in April 2008. The high water mark map submitted to DFO dated January 16, 2008 would lead one to believe and understand that the water levels in November to January would normally be at the lowest mark. This has led Mr Rettie to believe that his property runs directly into Lake Winnipeg which enabled him to connect the channel to Lake Winnipeg. This also defeats the belief that the marsh land (approx 150 ft) around Lake Winnipeg belongs to the Crown and cannot be touched without proper procedures.

- 5) Contrary to the DFO letter of advice dated April 23, 2008, the mitigation measures incorporated into this letter were never fulfilled.**

The "plug" that was to be of untouched soil so that the newly constructed channel does not connect to the existing bay in Lake Winnipeg until there is re-vegetation within the new channel never served the purpose. By pictures (which are available) the water flowed freely between the channel and the Lake. The sediment fencing was destroyed by the winds and lay strewn through the marsh and the channel. In accordance with the Letter, a track hoe was to be used for the excavation. In reality the Developer used large equipment such as caterpillars,

bulldozers and bob cat. The bob cat hauled sand off Island Beach to construct the "plug". In accordance with the Green Space Environmental Report, the turtles lay their eggs in the sand in this area. There would have been a massive destruction of these eggs as a large area was dug up.

In conclusion, with the mass inconsistencies to the initial proposal to DFO by Mr. Rettie and with the impact of this destruction on the various forms of wildlife in the Beaconia Marsh, we are requesting that the Riparian area be restored (as close as possible) to its original form. Also that request to build a boat launch and a dock be denied for the same reasons.

Sincerely.

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From: wnsrf@mymts.net on behalf of paul dupuis [wnsrf@mts.net]

Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 7:38 PM

To: Webb, Bruce (CON) BW

Subject: Re: Rettie, at Beaconia

Mr. Webb:

In regards to Mr. Rettie and his land developement at Beaconia..

I would like to vote in favor of whatever he is trying to do there...It looks like he is doing a good job of it and everything looks nice and tidy..If anything he has made the marsh look better than it was...

I live next door at Island Beach and am happy to see progress and change in our area...I realize that some locals are against this type of progress...Which I don't understand. because change is a good thing..

I hope you grant the person, whom I have not met yet, his much needed permits so he could continue with his work.

Keep up the good work!

Paul Dupuis

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November 5, 2010

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Re: File 5486.00 - Rettie Boat Access

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Due to the above issues I encourage you to protect our water resources and deny any further development and mandate the restoration of Beaconia Marsh to its original state.

Yours truly,

Phyllis Duha

Webb, Bruce (CON)

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From: nicole nixon [nicolenixon00000@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 9:37 AM

To: Webb, Bruce (CON) BW

Subject: channel in Beaconia

Marshes are a natural habitat. What was allowed to proceed in Beaconia is unacceptable. Remove the channel and restore the site to it's original state please.

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November 5, 2010

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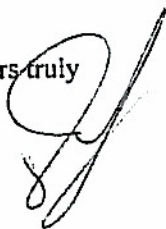
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From: dcrabb@mymts.net on behalf of Dave and Candy Crabb
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Sent: November-06-10 1:30 AM
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Subject: RE: Missing information from submission

Bruce,

I would like you to include this response in your collection for the review of the Rettie file please.

I will send you a link to some pictures I have collected and taken myself. The face of the East Side has changed forever. I can provide high def originals for most of what is on that web link. It is all low res that I have posted for quick and easy viewing. My own lakefront was devastated. I lost many trees, and from 6 to 12 feet of lakefront depth. Huge cliffs, about 12 feet high where we used to almost walk to the beach.

There is a picture of a vertical culvert. We have our community water pumps for Boulder Bay in that culvert and it has been there for over 30 years. It was surrounded by land until last weekend. All the hoses were on land. Now it stands alone on the beach. The rest of the damage speaks for itself. There is not a set of steps, wood, concrete, or steel that survived. All are damaged, destroyed, or missing altogether. Boat houses have disappeared that stood for decades in Lakeshore Heights. Lake shore erosion protection failed at several locations. It is hard to recognize most of the shoreline now.

As for the marsh, the damage is evident. I will send you a link to pictures of the marsh this week and the changes this weekend. The damage to trees and the erosion near the plug are evident. The effects of the canal were serious. We now have a new way for the lake to surge through the marsh creating massive water flows. I mean massive. There was so much water that flowed through the canal, that at least 2 boats, and a huge deck were washed right into the proposed boat launch area. The boats have been recovered. I do not believe that either were seaworthy afterward. The deck remains. It is about 30 feet long, and about 10- 15 feet wide. It is complete with the railings and the legs it stood on. It is sticking up in the air, and wedged into the end of the canal by Beaconia Road. You could not move it as a piece. It will have to be disassembled to remove. I do not know how long the legs are, because I cannot see all of it. You have to picture how these things all made it through the entire 2000 feet of canal and were wedged at the end. It took a huge amount of energy to do this.

Take for example the length of the road to Beaconia Beach. I do not know for sure, but lets say a 1/2 kilometre. There is a little debris all along it as it was entirely submerged. Expected for such a bad storm. The difference is there is only minor debris and the odd piece of wood and some old reeds here and there. With one exception.

Where the canal ends near the road, there is a huge pile of debris on the road, that was about a foot thick. There are logs, boards, wooden blocks, and reeds and garbage mixed in this pile. It is getting matted down now from travelers visiting the beach. You realize not a day goes by that people do not go out to the beach. There is no where else along the road where there is an accumulation of debris except by the canal. The ditch between the road and the canal is completely filled in. You can walk across to the canal. I cannot because I am injured with a torn calf. Others could. ALL the debris, I mean ALL of the debris is pointed in exactly the same direction like a tornado came through. It is the result of a massive surge of water leaving the canal and shooting across the road into the marsh on the South side of the Beaconia Beach Road, Road 98N.

This is indisputable evidence of massive change to the dynamics of the waterflow and drainage patterns created solely by the canal. There is no marsh growth to slow down or dampen the movement of water.

The dense reeds that Rettie removed to create the canal were doing that. Nobody has done any excavating or work on that drainage ditch for years, because it maintained itself, and the marsh stopped debris from filling it in. One look and that is obvious.

Now the ditch is flooding, and it is coming into the canal. The water can barely get by so it is backing up real deep. The fact a beaver, who was right behind me while I was observing all this (4 feet away) was trying to rebuild his home that was destroyed was also sad. It would not matter that he was there if the canal was not creating a problem with drainage unable to find alternate paths through the reeds. Rettie has created a berm to artificially create dry land for his project. This is blocking any natural alternative paths for water. Now, to fix this, we have to dig the ditch or allow the water to go through Rettie's canal unimpeded, and unfiltered. The plug is gone. Washed away. It is impossible to maintain a plug. It will be impossible to re-vegetate the canal with this regular interference from water flows during lake level changes.

This canal is built in the most Southeast corner of Lake Winnipeg. It is the hardest hit place on the lake during the NW winds that bring our serious wind-effect water level variations and damage. That is what floods nearby Patricia Beach repeatedly. He has opened up a whole new avenue to trouble, and has altered so much of the way this whole area has operated for decades with no need for maintenance. It will never stop needing maintenance if the canal remains. A site visit at this time would reinforce what I am saying for the average person. No special education required.

You are probably sorry you asked, but I hope I have painted a picture that you can understand. I am trying to get some pictures of the damage specifically at that location. I get home too late for good pictures. I will try this weekend.

Thank you for asking, because I believe that we understand each other, and I believe that you really do have a concern beyond your Conservation responsibilities. That is what I get from my communications with you.

Relying on that making a difference is like asking for conflict of interest, but we hope that evidence like this is acceptable to consider during the upcoming review. You are likely to see a lot of letters from a lot of people. They are mostly average citizens who really do care, and I hope that puts some additional weight to our continued position that there is no good coming from the alteration to Beaconia Marsh. It is all downhill from here.

Any boats in the canal would have sunk if they were in there. The local fishermen could not get their boats out in time at Balsam Harbour. They have a concrete boat launch, a pier with a sea wall, a break water beyond the pier and easy access. Still, all but one fishing boat were sunk in the harbour, destroyed on the beach, or destroyed on other beaches on their way to Beaconia when the entire dock was taken by the lake. 7 boats in all. They could not manage the boats in the wind and waves that whipped up so fast. They stood on the shore and watched it all happen. The one boat that did not sink was half submerged still tied to the pier. They managed to float it with pumps and hard work, but look at all the gasoline and oil that was spilled. We do not want this in the marsh. It is not a place for boats to be parked. There is no way to mitigate this problem, and it is unreasonable to suggest that one can. The water went right over the berm, and even a boat parked on the berm would have likely been taken away. One drop of gasoline damages 10,000 gallons of water. What about all the gallons of gas and oil that entered the lake in this last storm alone. Other boats have been sunk from other storms this summer. Lots of pictures to show.

Rettie has none of this infrastructure. There is none of the additional protection from a pier or breakwater. There is absolutely no protection from the wind and water on the West side of the canal. It cannot be done without further destroying the marsh, and altering it further. I do not believe that anything would last if you tried. I have been in this area my entire life of 48 years during the summer.

Many of those years all year. I have watched every attempt at boat launches, boat lifts, docks and stairs destroyed in just a few years or less. My own father lost three boats trying. He gave up as many have.

You should have a slightly better picture now, and maybe can take the time to buzz out to Beaconia to see for yourself what I speak of. It is only 45 minutes North of the Perimeter Highway. Take some pals with you. It is unbelievable. I will not rehash most of this in my own submission, but the pollution, the alteration to habitat, the alteration to water-flow, and the constant need to be excavating and maintaining the present drainage should be a major concern. Not just to practicalities, but to the habitat that being severely impacted.

Thank you for reading, and I look forward to further discussions with you.

Regards,

Dave Crabb

From: Bruce.Webb@gov.mb.ca
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Date: Fri, 5 Nov 2010 09:04:06 -0500
Subject: RE: Missing information from submission

Here's the missing appendix. I'll get it added to the website as well, hopefully today.

By the way – what were the storm effects in the neighbourhood last week? I was talking to someone a bit further north yesterday – they had a dock and stairs heavily damaged, and their shoreline was considerably re-arranged, going from gently sloped and stable to almost vertical.

Bruce,

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November 8, 2010
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BW

Re: RETTIE BOAT ACCESS (FILE: 5486.00)

Dear Mr. Bruce Webb,

My name is Chris Benson and throughout the year I spend a tremendous amount of time enjoying the outdoors, specifically wetlands. I am a part time resident in the area and throughout the year I enjoy visiting the Beaconia and Patricia beaches to bird watch, hike the beach and go canoeing in marsh. The recent development at Beaconia Beach (RETTIE BOAT ACCESS (FILE: 5486.00)) is a reason for concern for me. I feel this development will be detrimental to the wildlife and wetland habitat in the area, including the Pipping Plover which is a species at risk in Manitoba. In their proposal, they mention that they believe the *overall impact to wildlife relative to their land will be minimal*. I would have thought that an third party assessment should have been done to judge the impact, and not just what Bob and Margaret Rettie personally believe will be the impact.

Also, in the last few years the toxic algae blooms in Lake Winnipeg have become a major environmental concern to everyone who enjoys the lake. Wetlands like the ones at Beaconia and Patricia beach help remove nutrient loads in the lake. Destroying wetlands for further development on the lake shore is not the answer!

I also find it very hard to believe that the reason for this canal being built is just for sole use of the Rettie family. Given time I feel this area will be developed further for more cabins and increased boat traffic adding further strain to the wetlands in this area and Lake Winnipeg. Lastly, I am concerned that this area will eventually become closed to public access, and I will no longer be able to go bird watching, canoeing or any of the other activities myself or other enjoy doing in this area.

Your truly,

Chris Benson

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Yours truly

Carol Roessing

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: m mack [mqothr@gmail.com]
Sent: November-09-10 7:31 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: File 5486.00 - Rettie Boat Access

November 9, 2010

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- The report is incomplete as "*Appendix 6 - Land Use Designation for Site and Adjoining Land Plan*" is missing
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Yours truly,

Mary Cundy

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November 12, 2010

Bruce Webb **BW**
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Re: File 5486.00 – Rettie Boat Access

Dear Mr. Webb,

This letter is to object to the disturbance happening to the Beaconia Marsh on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.

As a permanent resident of the area I visit the Beaconia Marsh and beach frequently each year. I walked the road and beach twice this week and have been appalled at the excavation happening in the marsh along the lakefront since it began last winter. To any sensible person it is clear that the area is being prepared for future construction other than a dock.

Fall storms make it abundantly clear that a boat channel here will require frequent dredging and clearing of debris. It appears that a complete cottage deck is now lodged in the channel.

My frequent visits to the area this spring made it clear that much larger earth-moving equipment was being used than indicated in the present proposal and that the work continued beyond the stop work order from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. These and other false and misleading statements in the Rettie proposal should cause us all to doubt the builders'

intentions and to fear for the wildlife that have lived here. Misleading statements and refusal to share information by the municipal council of St. Clements also cause me to fear for the marsh, the beach and the community.

I appeal to you to protect our water and wildlife resources and refuse further development in the marsh area. Please have the Beaconia Marsh restored to its former condition.

Yours truly,


Gary Batstone

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**Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners
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November 14, 2010

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Re: File Number 5486.00 – Rettie Boat Access

At the Annual General meeting of the Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners held on October 23rd, 2010 a motion was passed that MACO provide a support letter by requesting the government to make corrective measures to restore the environment to its original state in the Beaconia marsh.

MACO feels that following proper procedures and processes is extremely important in protecting our wetlands and assisting with matters in this course of action.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rilla Britton".

Rilla Britton
Vice-President

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November 14, 2010

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Via Email: Bruce.Webb@gov.mb.ca – Hard Copy to Follow

BW

Re: File 5486.00 - Rettie Boat Access

Dear Mr. Webb:

We read "Beach Residents Fight Back Against Marsh Development" in the November 11, 2010 Edition of the Selkirk Record.

After reading the Rettie's proposal found on the Manitoba Conservation website, we are disturbed to learn that the Rettie's have been allowed to make a boat channel cut through Beaconia Marsh.

We do not agree with the Rettie's Environment Assessment Proposal and request Manitoba Conservation stop any further development and mandate the Retties' to return the Marsh to its original state.

This marsh should not be disturbed.

We suggest the Retties' use the local boat launch at Balsam Harbor like other residents.

Let's all enjoy Lake Winnipeg but without harming the marshes and environment.

Yours truly,

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