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Mr. Cooper:

**Subject: Request for meeting regarding processing of Severance Application
B 140/05, Lake Clear**

Thank you for your interest in this matter. The purpose of this letter is to summarize the MNR's role in municipal planning and to generally outline the sequence of events relating to the above file.

The MNR are generally not involved in municipal plan review, particularly in areas where the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAHH) no longer plays a role in site specific review. In Renfrew County, the County of Renfrew has approval authority for lower tier official plans, comprehensive zoning bylaws, as well as subdivision, consent, and rezoning applications. From time to time, Land Division Committee, the County planners or Township planners may forward proposals to our office for technical advice. Such was the case with the above noted file. Since the lot proposal was not for residential or other uses, but for access to and from the lake, including parking, this office did not treat this application as a typical consent proposal. Additionally, there had been previous OMB direction for the applicant to secure access and parking facilities in the long term. Any residential or commercial proposals on this lake would not have been considered any further. MMAH would have been advised to object and appeal on the province's behalf, if such a proposal was to be supported by the County and Township.

A scoped site assessment by staff in our district (involving our biologist, planner, myself) took place on two occasions. In addition, dialogue with MOE regional staff also took place regarding potential impacts from nutrient loading (ex. from parking, launching, etc). It was determined that for the purposes of the proposal as described by the applicant, there was no compelling reason or justification for this office to object to the consent. We recommended mitigation measures to the planning authority, leaving the planning details to them. MNR (and MOE as necessary) were to comment on the details of the site plan. I am satisfied that the current version of the site plan, submitted to the Township by the applicant, addresses the issue related to Lake Clear's sensitivity to nutrient loading, and goes beyond to minimize any future erosion and to protect the vegetated shoreline.

Please note that our limited role in municipal plan review is very separate from our process under the Public Lands Act. I am satisfied that the work permit issued for work along the shorelands (ie. limited boat launching area and removable dock) addresses any minor impacts to the water that could be anticipated, by way of design and conditions.

I hope this information addresses your questions about MNR's processes. Joanna Gaweda will be contacting you regarding a potential meeting should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Moreau", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Paul Moreau
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