



FORM "A"
TO BE COMPLETED BY ANYONE
WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
No decision will be made at the same meeting as your presentation.

Names of individuals making the presentation:

_____ **GOOSE LAKE ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Points to be made:

_____ **FUNDING FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS (in lieu of services)**

Purpose and any requests that may be forthcoming from the presentation:

_____ **WE ARE ASKING THE MOB FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Please attach a copy of your written or power point presentation.

Will your presentation be made in person or virtually? _____ **in person** _____

Time requested for presentation: _____ **15 minutes** X _____ **30 minutes** _____

_____ *Corey P Crowell*

Signature

Print Name: _____ **Corey Crowell** _____

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Will you require a projector and computer for your presentation ? **NO**

NOTE: Individuals or groups making presentations are required to address their comments and questions to the Chair of the Meeting only.

Form "A" must be returned at least 7 days in advance of the Meeting you wish to attend.

Goose Lake Association Limited

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August 28, 2020

Chris Frotten
Chief Administrative Officer
Barrington Municipality
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Dear Mr. Frotten, Deputy Warden Crook, and Members of Council,

The Goose Lake Association (GLA) writes to you today to ask for financial assistance for the maintenance and improvement of the private road(s), as specified in By Law # 35, cited as The Goose Lake Area Private Roads Maintenance and Improvement By-law.

Nearly 38 percent of property owners in Goose Lake have now made Goose Lake their year round homes, with many others living in Goose Lake for up to 6 months. The privately owned portion of the goose lake road (as well as the Municipal portion, of course) is being travelled more than even before. Property owners, guests, those non-owners just going for a drive or looking for deer, those who have been granted wood cutting permits, those who access their leased property on Clement's Pond, and others, now travel this road. Many properties have had excavation work to improve their properties, bringing heavy equipment over the road. Those with wood cutting permits come in with light, empty trailers, bouncing them as they travel. They then take them out laden with the weight of the wood, and during the wet season of the spring, causes even more road damage. The cost of maintenance and repairs to the Goose Lake road is increasing year by year, due to both cost increases from the contractor(s), and simply the road requiring more work to keep it in a good state.

Property owners in the Goose Lake area are not provided waste collection services. Rather simply a dumpster is made available, which is only accessible during the operating hours of the C&D Landfill site. Having access to the dumpster and compost bin only during these hours does not allow many, if not most, property owners to dispose of their household waste in a timely manner. In fact, about one third of the property owners are also tax payers elsewhere in the Barrington Municipality, and have to take their household waste home with them to dispose of with their trash from their primary residence. Those property owners who live outside of the Municipality, of course, disposes of their waste in another waste collection area.

Also, since nearly 1/3 are paying taxes to the Municipality on at least one other property, there is a certain duplicate funding of services. This refers to the principal that the cost of providing health care and/or emergency services, education, street lighting or policing services to an individual and his/her family because they own more than one property in the Municipality is insignificant, yet those who do own more that one property, is paying taxes for such services with each tax account.

Another issue which brings the GLA to ask for assistance is the fact that services such as fire, ambulance, and policing cannot gain access to properties along the Goose Lake road due to deep snow cover and the condition of the road during the freeze/thaw periods of the winter and spring

months. Your financial contribution to the maintenance and improvement of the Goose Lake road would allow for the road to be more passable during these times.

The GLA is requesting this assistance in lieu of services not rendered, as well as duplication of taxation, and requests that such financial assistance approximate the value of said services.

A review of property values in the Goose Lake area, serviced by the Charge Area as per By Law #35, indicates that the tax assessment values generated by these properties in 2019 was approximately \$3.9 million. The tax revenues generated by these values was around \$46,000. Since waste collection services alone represents 12.8% of the 2019/2020 Municipal tax revenues (11% of budget), the GLA is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$3000 for the remainder of the 2020/2021 taxation year, to be credited to the GLA Road Account, held with the Municipality. Further, the GLA is requesting that this be an annual recurring assistance, at a rate of 12 percent of the taxes generated from the properties adjacent to the Charge Area as per By Law #35, to be valued each year, and at the time the tax rates are approved. This rate currently represents \$0.1296/\$100 of assessment. This value would also be credited to the GLA Road Account.

As the Municipality of Barrington owns and operates a materials pit along the Goose Lake Road, the GLA requests that these materials be made available to the GLA, for the purposes of road maintenance, improvement and repair, for the Charge Area. The value of pit material should be at a rate equal to the local going wholesale rate for similar materials, to be determined on April 1 each year.

The GLA also requests that Municipal heavy equipment (loader, backhoe, etc) and a licensed and certified operator be made available, as required, and within a reasonable time period, to provide road smoothing, material handling, as well as snow clearing services during major snow falls along the Charge Area road. The value of this service would be determined by the local going applicable commercial machine/operator rate multiplied by a .80 factor. The request for snow removal will only be requested when smaller, privately owner plows cannot remove the snow. It will also only be required to clear the centre of the travelled portion of the Charge Area road, to allow for emergency services to access properties when required.

The value of the goods and services provide by the Municipality shall be debited to the Road Account. Any remaining balance from the annual credit would remain in this account, and be subjected to the rules of By Law #35.

The GLA asks for your expedited consideration of this request, and looks forward to answering any questions you may have regarding this request. Please contact Corey Crowell at (902) 637-8396, or Martin Crowell at (902) 637-7902, to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely

Corey P Crowell
Secretary, GLA

