

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS & HUNTERS



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Mr. Robert Lamarre
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Dear Mr. Lamarre:

Subject: Letter of support to maintain access to public boat launch to Stoney and Clear Lakes.

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), its 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters, and 720 member clubs, we are writing this letter of support for maintaining access to the public boat launch for Stoney and Clear lakes, located off of Kawartha Park Road.

The OFAH strongly advocates for the maintenance and enhancement of public access opportunities for recreational heritage activities in Ontario. Public boat launches are becoming increasingly challenging to locate for anglers in Ontario. Access to fishing opportunities is an important economic driver in the Kawarthas, as many people choose to live, cottage, vacation, and recreate in the area. Restricting access to Stoney and Clear lakes will limit the socio-economic benefits to the township and its residents.

It is our understanding that the Kawartha Park Road boat launch is the only remaining free public boat launch for these lakes, and is an important access point for recreational anglers. Therefore, we strongly support the maintenance of the free public boat launch to Stoney and Clear lakes, and encourage the township to mitigate any concerns there may be without restricting public access.

The OFAH would appreciate an opportunity to learn more about this issue, and we ask to be included in any discussions on the future of this boat launch.

Yours in conservation,

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cc: OFAH Land Use/Access/Trails Advisory Committee
Angelo Lombardo, OFAH Executive Director
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