

January 13, 2022

Re: Petition – Restoring public access to Lake Wahnapiatae on Poupore Road West,  
Skead

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At the City Council meeting of January 11, 2022, Mayor Bigger submitted a petition to the City Clerk requesting the restoration of public access to Lake Wahnapiatae on Poupore Road West, Skead.

Please be advised that this petition has been forwarded to the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure for review. It is the department that receives the petition who is responsible for communicating which of the following five paths they may choose:

1. The Senior Management Member may direct administrative action be taken to resolve or respond to the matter in question;
2. The Senior Management Member may seek further information from the originators of the petition, which might include a meeting etc.;
3. The Senior Management Member may report back to Council with a report for information or action;
4. The Senior Management Member may bring back a report recommending a new policy or new financial resources; or
5. May advise that no further action will be taken at this time.

For further information, please contact Jody Edwards, Executive Coordinator, General Manager of Growth & Infrastructure at 705-674-4455, ext. 3565, or via email at: [jody.edwards@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:jody.edwards@greatersudbury.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brigitte Sobush'.

Brigitte Sobush  
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

cc: Council Members  
Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure  
Jody Edwards, Executive Coordinator, General Manager of Growth & Infrastructure

# We the Residents of Greater Sudbury

**Briefly state the matter or argument in support of your petition. (This statement must appear at the top of each page on which you collect signatures.)**

To maintain access to Wahnapiatae Lake during summer and winter months on Poupore Rd W. The boat launch on tower road was closed over 10 years ago and is not accessible by vehicle, and is also not accessible in winter as the ice doesn't freeze. Also it is a spawning area in the fall. Rocky's is not always accessible in winter due to the pressure crack and the ice isn't as safe. It is also 45 min away from Skead. Tony's Marina is only open May 1 to September long weekend, reducing access to the lake, and cannot accommodate large volumes of boat traffic. The previous petition's concern is traffic along Poupore, blocking the landing off is a safety concern (snow covering the boulders, impact with a snowmobile could cause serious injury or death)

**State the specific request for action you wish Council to undertake.**

Permanently reinstate access to the landing at the end of Poupore Rd W, install signage indicating safe parking zones (located at the community centre and St Bernadine of Sienna Church). Enforcing parking restrictions on Poupore Rd W, thus alleviating the problem as listed in the original petition (demanding the closure of access to the point). An assessment of all public access points on wahnapiatae lake to ensure that there are adequate places to launch all sizes and types of boats (from small fishing boat to large deep keeled sail boats, as well as wide and long house boats) in summer as well as places to launch ice huts and drive snow mobiles in the winter. The current listed and recognized launch on tower road is closed. This could be evaluated to be reopened if the ministry of natural resources as well as department of fisheries deem it safe due to it being a spawning ground. Traffic volumes and capacity studies should be done at Tony's in the summer months to see if they have the flexibility to accommodate the new surge in traffic. The previous petition cited needing a boat washing station. If one is deemed necessary, enforcement of this must happen at all other public and non-official boat launches on the 330 lakes in the city. ALL of the boulders at the launch on Poupore Rd W are a safety concern and need to be removed as the snow plows will hide them in snowbanks. Impact of a snowmobile on these banks could result in severe injury or death. As for the concern of road safety, a report on how many accidents that have occurred at that turn around since it's development in the 1920s (by assessing accident reports in the city's databases as well as other avenues) would be recommended. This data analysis should be made publicly available to residents. A town meeting would be recommended to speak to all residents of sudbury affected by this closure to work together to solve the issue with full transparency from studies, investigations and support of the arguments keeping it closed. This is a historical part of the town of Skead. The existing dock cribs are still under the water, as well as tracks for pulling boats up for repair or storage. These were built in the 1940s when it was used as a launch for the lumber companies, boat cruises as well as for public use. Certainly it should be grandfathered in as other non-recognized launches have been throughout the city.

Please be advised the original petition  
is available for viewing at the  
Clerk's Services Department, 200  
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