

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, September 15, 2017				Report Date	Tuesday, September 12, 2017			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE Smith Lake Ratepayer Complaints									
Report #15/09/17/1203									

Subject:

Concerns of residents of Smith Lake with respect to discharge of firearms in proximity to their residences.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the following:

WHEREAS seasonal residents owning property around Smith Lake experienced a concerning situation this summer with persons discharging firearms and specific targets which when detonated sound like explosions in proximity to their homes;

AND WHEREAS the land surrounding Smith Lake and on which the shooters were situated is Crown land over which the municipality has no authority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby send a letter of explanation to those affected and further, contact the local Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to enquire about installing signage or allowing the municipality to do so to advise that there are residences in close proximity to that location.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Crown lands are not subject to the provisions of municipal by-laws. A municipality has no authority to take any actions on or against Crown property.

It might be possible to have staff at the local Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry either install signage themselves or allow the municipality to erect signage in this one location.

Options/Discussion:**Policy Impact:**

Council has no authority to act on Crown lands.

Others Consulted: Local MNR Office, Mr. Buzzetti

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

Melinda Reith

Sent: July 23, 2017 3:14 PM

To: morefeet67@hotmail.com

Subject: Fw: Regarding the target practice and use of tannerite charges on menet lake road.

here is the email I sent out on thursday night

From:

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:14 PM

To: hemfoote@hotmail.com ; chartrandc@hotmail.com ; robbie1_400@hotmail.com

Subject: Regarding the target practice and use of tannerite charges on menet lake road.

Gentlemen, regarding the above mentioned subject, we, the residents(cottagers on SMITH LAKE), wish to bring to your attention to an ongoing issue of persons who, on numerous occasions carry on target shooting on menet lake road.

This past Sunday, July 16, 2017, I estimate approx. 3 shooters if not 4, firing of their guns for approx. a hour, between the SMITH LAKE boat launch and the beginning of the HYDRO LINE ROAD. At one point the shooting was non-stop. I therefore contacted the OPP, to ask them to send someone to investigate.

Shortly after I made the call, the shooters set off and explosion, possibly TANNERITE, that literally shook the cottages. I once again contacted the OPP, and informed them of this. It should be noted that several of the cottages had numerous young children and frightened both them and their parents.

By the time the OPP were able to respond the shooters in question had left.

Yesterday while chatting with a neighbour, the shooting began again, and ended very shortly thereafter. Then last night shortly after the shooting began at approx. 8 p.m.. I and another resident drove down menet lake road, and spoke with the shooter in question and politely asked if he could relocate to a further distance, as he was scaring the many young kids at the lake.

We, the residents of SMITH LAKE RESPECTFULLY request that council please act on this issue, and possibly erect signs, indicating that the discharge of firearms be forbidden between the SMITH LAKE boat launch off of menet lake road up to the HYDRO LINE junction, as these areas are located DIRECTLY across from SMITH LAKE.

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The signage could possibly read as follows.....THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND USE OF TANNERITE TARGET EXPLOSIVES IS NOT PERMITTED IN THIS AREA BETWEEN MAY 1st AND SEPT 30TH.

This simple solution, would augment the safety for ALL concerned, at the lake, and virtually eliminate any further complaints of weapons being discharged so close to the cottages.

Below you can find a website of what TANNERITE is and how loud and dangerous it can be.

<http://www.tanneritecanada.com/>

Thank You for your time,

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

Mike Buzzetti

County of Renfrew GIS

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- Private
- Crown
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- Quebec
- Property Parcels
- Crown Land - Unpatented Land

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Smith Lake

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