



**Date:** 2024-08-12

**To:** Township of Lake of Bays Mayor and Councillors  
Steve Peace, Township of Lake of Bays Superintendent of Public Works  
Carrie Sykes, Township of Lake of Bays Clerk

**Re:** **Council Meeting Agenda, Tuesday August 13, 2024**  
**Items 9(a) Notice of Motion and 6(d)(iv) By-law 2024-143 RA Closing Policy**

With respect to Notice of Motion 9(a) *Moratorium on Road Licensing Agreements*, the Lake of Bays Association (LOBA) fully supports this motion. At our Annual General Meeting held on July 6, 2024, the issue of Road Licensing Agreements (RLA) sparked a lot of outcry and very contentious comments from some of our members, and rightly so as the necessity and requirements of these agreements have been very poorly communicated to property owners. We continue to receive negative comments and expressed frustration on the issue from our members. As a result, a lot of misunderstanding and confusion has been created, both at the property level and in various forms of media. In short, there is a lot of questioning and outrage emanating from our members that are or could be impacted by the proposed RLA.

Taking a step back to reassess the necessity of an RLA is, in our view, a wise decision. We understand the Township's concerns over liability, but there may be other means of alleviating this concern. If it is determined that an RLA is still required, then a clear plan of communication and implementation needs to be developed with a primary objective of having minimal financial impact on property owners.

There does seem to be general agreement that allowing property owners or road associations to purchase the road allowance solves the majority, if not all, of the concerns of the Township. Item 6(d)(iv) *By-law 2024-143-RA Closing Policy* establishes a process for this to occur. LOBA supports this initiative, with or without the moratorium being approved. As there may be situations where a sketch would suffice in place of a survey, we recommend this option be incorporated into By-law 2024-143 in an effort to minimize costs to property owners.

Sincerely,  
Paul Gleeson, President, Lake of Bays Association

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