



**Date:** 2025-03-07

**To:** April Best-Sararas, Director of Planning Services, Township of Lake of Bays  
David Elwood, J.L Richards  
Rebecca Elphick, J.L. Richards

**Re:** **Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan Review**

On behalf of the Lake of Bays Association (LOBA), this is to express appreciation for the consultations to date on the Township Official Plan, as reflected in the deck presented at the February 25, 2025 Council meeting. Your deck covers a range of important issues. We were glad to see the highlighting of the following issues of importance to LOBA's members:

- Value in a lack of development, an undeveloped environment, or untouched nature that seasonal and year-round residents appreciate.
- Clearer policies to address redevelopment and additions to existing cottages within the waterfront area.
- Need for strong policies which encourage the preservation of shoreline vegetation and tools to implement and enforce best management practices.
- Standards for small- and large-scale resort development in waterfront areas to encourage economic and environmental sustainability.
- Additional residential units in rural or built-up communities which offer "gentle density" to avoid rural sprawl and make efficient use of available municipal (e.g., water and wastewater) services.

We look forward to continued consultation on the Official Plan.

Sincerely,

Tim Hadwen, Chair Planning, Development and Government Relations Committee

Copies: Mayor and Councillors, Township of Lake of Bays

Carrie Sykes, Clerk, Township of Lake of Bays

Paul Gleeson, LOBA President

LOBA Planning Development and Government Relations Committee members