Council Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria 15 Township Hall Road Stonecliffe, Ontario K0J 2K0

Re: End of Harvey Creek Road

We would appreciate Councils attention to a situation that has resulted in the closing off of Township property at the end of Harvey Creek Road. There is a barrier in place and a No Trespassing sign that has closed the access to the Ottawa River that has be used by residents for many years.

- -We request that Council provide clarification as to what is or is not Township property.
- -We request that Council provides us with information defining what rights to access do we as Township residents have to the Ottawa River at the end of Harvey Creek Road.
- Provided that as Township residents we have the right to access and use the Ottawa River waterfront at the end of Harvey Creek Road we ask that the Township restore the access we have had and used for many years in the past.

Yours truly,

Please find attached picture of sign & barrier, copy of Plan 49R2840 showing Part 1 the area in question.

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Friday, September 8, 2006

Residents of Harvey Creek Road Mackey, Ontario K0J 2B0

Dear Residents

RE: Harvey Creek Road and Access to the Ottawa River

Council received and discussed your letter dated August 9 at their regular Council meeting of September 5, 2006 and again on September 12, 2006 after receipt of additional information. In answer to your concerns:

- The land beyond the signs and dirt barricade **belongs to the Townships** and is considered an "unopened road allowance". As such it is Township property, as is the road and the snowplough turnaround.
- The unopened road allowance is not maintained and may not be altered in any way by any resident. However, it does permit Township residents, and in fact all public, pedestrian access to the Ottawa River.
- It is and will continue to be closed to vehicle traffic. The sign and barricade will not be removed. Should someone want to walk down the road allowance, keeping in mind that it is not maintained and should not be altered in any way, they may access the Ottawa River. This access is not meant to be a boat launch of any sort, not in the past nor in the future.

We regret to inform you that for the above reasons, we are not willing to "restore the access" to that which you may have had in the past. We will however, have Township staff remove the brush which is piled on top of the berm and cut a path around the edge of the berm to allow easier pedestrian access. Although this is not restoring the access to what it once was, we hope that it will allow you the access which you desire and not open the road allowance to unwelcome traffic.

On behalf of Council

Melinda Reith Clerk