

The residents of Mettawas Lane

June 6, 2019

To the Town of Kingsville

Mayor Nelson Santos

Deputy Mayor Gordon Queen

Councillors Kimberly De Yong, Tony Gaffan, Laura Lucier, Thomas Neufeld and Larry Patterson

Re. Mettawas Park and Beach

Dear Mayor and councillors,

Mettawas Park is one of the largest park and outdoor space improvement projects the Town is planning. Its appeal depends in large part on the preservation and enhancement of Mettawas Beach.

We residents living in close proximity have urged Town staff on several occasions over the last few years – long before the water levels reached their current height – that preservation of the existing beach should get a lot more attention.



The point, Eastern beach section



Western beach section

One crucial example is the point at the east end of the beach that provides both a visual screen towards the unsightly piles of aggregate at Southwestern Aggregates and even more importantly against erosion of the eastern beach section. Years ago we suggested that the soil layer around the tree cover of the

point should be protected by a ring of boulders, rather than just watching the black soil wash ashore after each storm. It was basically shrugged off with remarks like "ERCA would never agree to this". The west side of Mettawas beach has receded at least 10m over the last few years. Soon there might not be much left of it.

According to press and other media reports ERCA seems to share the concerns for the area beaches and appears to put a lot more emphasis on measures to prevent or at least mitigate further erosion. This has become even more urgent with the higher lake levels.

We would like to hereby urge the Kingsville Town Council to develop and implement a plan that would preserve and possibly restore the remaining beach sections.

Sincerely,

Undersigned Mettawas Lane residents

PS Please contact any one of the following residents for any additional information. We would also appreciate to be notified when this issue is included in a council meeting agenda:

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