

Dear Mayor Weber & Council,

On behalf of Lambton Shores Nature Trails, we would like to see some changes to the No Parking by-law currently in place along Outer Drive in Port Franks.

We would like to see the No Parking removed on Outer Drive after the curve at L-Lake all the way to Hwy 21. This stretch is used by people wishing to hike in the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority L-Lake Management Area, Nature Conservancy of Canada Forested Dunes, and Lambton County Heritage Forest. These properties are not only publicized by us as trails in our Gems of Nature, it is also advertised by the landowners as well as the Municipality of Lambton Shores. If this cannot or will not be lifted, at a bare minimum, we would like to see defined "Hiking Trails Parking Only" areas along Outer Drive where those wishing to use these properties can park their vehicles without fear of being ticketed.

Beyond hiking, Lambton Shores Nature Trails also promotes canoeing and kayaking in the Port Franks area. There are a number of public places where launching can occur including the parquet on the northwest side of the Mud Creek bridge on Creek Drive. However, there are no parking places on available. It would be great to have parking for two or three vehicles and usage controlled by permit only. Lambton Shores Nature Trails will submit an official proposal for a dock/platform for this parquet at a later date. Similarly, there are canoe/kayak enthusiasts who utilize L-Lake by launching at the culverts on Outer Drive but again, there is nowhere to park. We respectfully ask that two permit based spots be created near the culverts on Outer Drive.

We have also been working with municipal staff on the creation of a portage along Huron Street. However, there seems to be some confusion that we would like clarified. Is Huron Street on the Emergency Dock (river) side an official street within the municipality and is it supposed to be marked as No Parking? There was a sign posted at one time but it no longer exists. It makes sense not to allow parking should there be an emergency and an ambulance needs to use the dock.

We appreciate your consideration on these matters. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful trails and waterways in the Port Franks area. It is not only an attraction for locals but tourists as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

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