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Hon. Ross Romano

Delegation Brief

Municipality of Lambton Shores

Crown Lands along Ipperwash Beach

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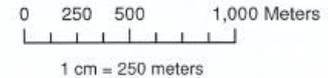
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Background

- The Province purchased the Ipperwash Crown Lands in the late 1960s and early 1970s
- Traditionally operated as public beach and parking by the MNRF in conjunction with local Provincial Parks
- These lands allow for access to the public beach area and provide parking opportunities for both tourists and residents alike and have formed an integral part of Lambton Shores
- Lambton Shores is committed to improving the community of Ipperwash
- In 2015 the Ipperwash Community Design Plan was completed, and Council is now actively implementing the recommended improvements such as bike lanes, wayfinding signage, and beautification projects
- The most recent beautification project was completed directly adjacent to one of the Crown Properties, unfortunately the Municipality could not secure permission to beautify any area beyond our own
- MNRF recently determined *“that the parcels do not contribute to the delivery of the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry mandate”*
- Ipperwash Crown Lands continue to be of extreme importance and interest to the Municipality of Lambton Shores and certainly contribute to Lambton Shores both from a lifestyle perspective and an economic and tourist perspective.



Lambton Shores Position

- The Municipality understands the lands are currently being vetted through the sale and disposition of lands process within the Provincial Government
- Lambton Shores wants to ensure that the interests of Lambton Shores Council and our residents are represented and known to Minister Romano and MGCS staff
- Lambton Shores would be interested in assuming ownership of the Ipperwash Crown Lands; however, it is understood that the Province may not be in a position to speak to that yet
- Lambton Shores would however encourage the Province to consider maintaining ownership of the lands, and entering into a long-term lease with Lambton Shores to maintain and operate the lands
- Lambton Shores is very comfortable and familiar with this concept as it has operated the Grand Bend Harbour under lease from the Federal Department of Oceans and Fisheries for many years
- Lambton Shores Council and Staff are uniquely qualified to maintain and operate beachfront properties. Adding the Ipperwash Crown Lands would simply be an extension of our current work throughout Lambton Shores.



Closing Comments

- Lambton Shores believes that the Ipperwash Crown Lands should remain in the public domain, available for the enjoyment of all
- Lambton Shores looks forward to the opportunity to continue the dialogue about these lands, and would be happy to discuss a lease arrangement between the Province and Lambton Shores for maintenance and operation
- Lambton Shores has experience with land lease arrangements with the federal government through the Grand Bend Harbour, and is familiar and comfortable with this process
- Lambton Shores has experience with management of beachfront properties and beach area parking, including provision of public washrooms and garbage collection
- Should the Province be interested in a Business Plan for the maintenance and operation of the Ipperwash Crown lands, Lambton Shores would be happy to create such a plan.

Thank-you

