



August 30, 2016

Council of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake  
Council of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen  
County of Hastings Planning and Development Committee  
Crowe Valley Conservation Authority

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing to you about the proposed FairTradeWorks (FTW) Crowhill Estates development projects at 621 Cook Road on Crowe Lake in Marmora.

As the sole association representing the home and cottage owners on Crowe Lake, The Crowe Lake Waterway Association, has the right to participate in the process you will undertake to review this proposal. Obviously the home and cottage owners will be significantly impacted by any development for Crowe Lake is literally our front yard. It is a resource we all share and that Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments are charged with protecting. As the owners of the land that abuts the lake and the holders of the right to use of the Lake, we are an important stakeholder in this project.

Our members are summer residents and full-time residents and many have been on Crowe Lake for many generations. Life on Crowe Lake has been, now is, and hopefully will always be a part of our lives. We are very concerned about the impact a development as described on the FTW website and presentations will have on the lake, its wetland and shoreline, and the many species of birds, fish and other wildlife that share the lake. A development with such potential for adverse impact on the quality of life demands an extra measure of transparency and public participation.

Our immediate concern is due to the uncertainty about the status of this project and the continued lack of specifics as to the nature of the project. That is compounded by the lack of any public meetings and the continued rumours of studies done and applications made without any public access to such studies or notification of such applications.

We request that you formally invite the CLWA to participate in your discussion about the proposed FTW Crowhill Estates. To that end, please provide us with a summary of any decisions made to date. Second, please notify us of any future meetings and hearings. Third, please provide us with copies of any studies that have been filed by FTW or their consultants. Finally, please provide us access to all documents and studies that may be filed by FTW and any studies and reports your agency may commission.

To ensure we have proper notification and flow of information, we have attached a list of contact points for you to use. We would appreciate your cooperation with this issue.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

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for Executive Board, Crowe Lake Waterway Association

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