

LAND USE COUNCIL

“advocating social, economic and environmental balance in government legislation affecting land”

NEW BROOM AT MNR

February 24, 2010

The Honorable Linda Jeffrey, Minister
Ministry of Natural Resources
Room 6630, Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street, West
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1W3

Minister: **by Registered Mail**

On behalf of the Land Use Council (LUC) Board of Directors and the combined memberships of their separate associations please accept our congratulations and best wishes on your recent appointment as Minister of Natural Resources (MNR) for the Province of Ontario. We're confident your long and varied experience in government service will ensure a high standard of balanced direction and prudent management in that critically important post.

Since its formation early last year LUC has corresponded on several occasions with your predecessor, the Honorable Donna Cansfield. Thus the origins and mandate of our consortium are already known to your Ministry and a second introduction would be a needless imposition on your time and patience.

LUC questions with respect to legislation and regulations affecting use, mortgage worth and market value of privately owned land are channeled to appropriate provincial Ministries for response. With regard to the MNR we focus on “injurious affection” arising from land use decrees including, but not limited to, ESA 2007, re-designation of private land as a public resource, government funding and appointments of professional lobbyists to MNR land use committees and the role and function as well as local taxpayer cost of MNR sub-agencies such as Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities.

Although a reply of sorts to our August 18, 2009 registered letter was, in fact, received in late December of that year, we've had no answer to our Dec. 01/09 letter.. Copies of both these communications are enclosed with our respectful request for a recorded acknowledgement of the Dec.01/09 document.

Yours truly

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