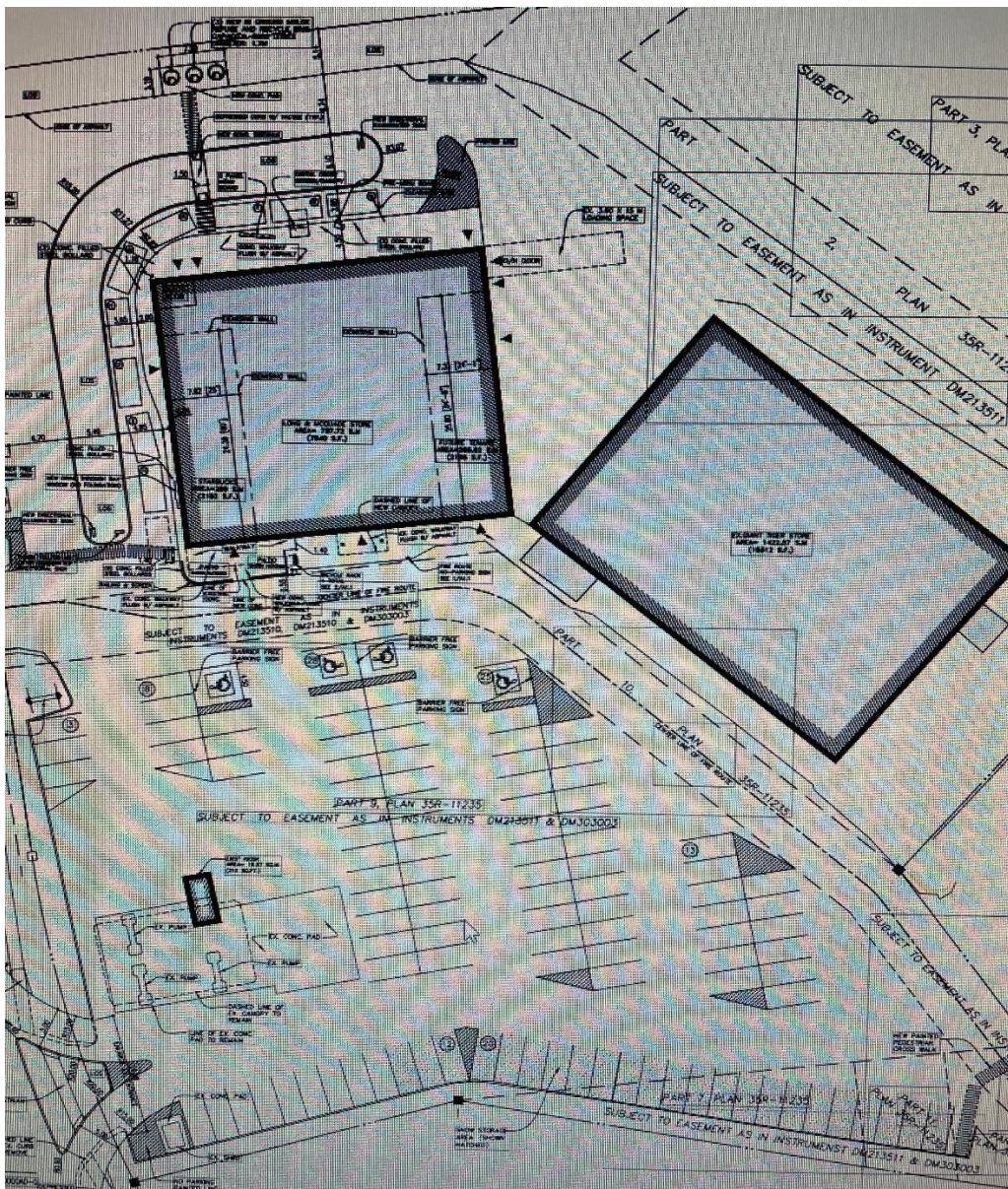


## Gravenhurst Summer 2021 Update

### Ward Two

#### Long Holdings Inc.

There is a new tenant on the property where the Petro Canada Gas Bar and Giant Tiger are located. In the old Home Hardware store, Long Holdings has applied to put in a Starbucks drive-through, a Long and McQuade music store and if anyone is looking at opening their own business, they have a vacant 2100 square foot space available for sub-let.



Here is the link in case my photo doesn't come through.

[https://gravenhurst.civicweb.net/document/79785/Report%20-%20SPA%2026-2021%20\(Long%20Holdings%20Inc.\)%20Attachme.pdf?handle=F1D332D7B4B0488BB61CBE5BB74EE620](https://gravenhurst.civicweb.net/document/79785/Report%20-%20SPA%2026-2021%20(Long%20Holdings%20Inc.)%20Attachme.pdf?handle=F1D332D7B4B0488BB61CBE5BB74EE620)

### Boating Activity

Boating is a federal matter, but the Mayor and Council have written directly to Transport Canada asking them to require people who rent boats to obtain a BOATsmart! operator permit. As reported earlier, we thought Safe and Quiet Lakes would be successful in convincing Transport Canada to make the change, but this has not yet occurred. As such, the Town is left to deal with lakes that we have no authority over. We have hired additional Bylaw officers this year and we have asked that the OPP Marine to make as big of a presence on our lakes as possible.

The OPP want to hear from the community about dangerous and excessively loud boats. Please take down as much information as you can and call:

1-883-310-1122 or \*OPP on your cell phone

Safe and Quiet Lakes informs us that "In our ongoing efforts to mitigate wakes on the waters we have developed a NO WAKE sign that is now available." Signs cost \$20 + shipping. Contact [crystal@safequiet.ca](mailto:crystal@safequiet.ca) if you would like to place an order.

### Muskoka Airport

Unfortunately, Porter Airlines and FlyGTA have suspended services throughout the pandemic. However, that has not stopped the Muskoka Airport from finding other opportunities. Along with the parking of planes (much cheaper up here than at Pearson:) they announced two new businesses that began in the spring. The first is a helicopter flight training school and the other is the opening of the Muskoka Mod Centre which will convert passenger planes into cargo planes.

### Muskoka Regional Centre (MRC)

Proposals to be considered by Infrastructure Ontario closed on Feb 24 and we are waiting for the province to decide which one to move forward with. I wish I had



more to report but we are at the hands of the province. We do plan to meet with the new minister, Minister Romano at next month's Convention.


### Ontario Fire College

The province has said it will be putting the college lands up for sale. It has been emptied of all of its furniture and sadly all that remains is a security guard. We have had dozens of municipalities write us letters in support of keeping it open but at the last meeting with Minister Thompson, she stated clearly that was not going to happen. The decision had been made.

### Development in Gravenhurst is on Fire!

Skyline Dev to get underway this summer (CDN Tire Sobeys lands/ affordable rental apartments, a new hotel and retail), Loon Call Phase three (80 singles were changed to 120 townhomes so they could be more affordable), Muskoka Bay Creekside, James Street (38 new townhomes), Trail Ridge Homes, (a new subdivision near the MRC) and more!

Most recently The Rosseau Group has applied to develop what I refer to as the Old Mayor's Property beside Muskoka Wharf. There is an Open House on July 14<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in attending.





**Open House:**  
**Cherokee Lane Development**  
Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
4:00PM – 6:00PM

The Rosseau Group proposes to build a mixed-use residential / commercial project on the waterfront of Muskoka Bay. This development seeks to provide a year-round shopping and recreation destination for local residents, cottagers, and tourists as outlined in the Muskoka Wharf Revitalization Plan.

Join us to learn about and make a difference in the design of this exciting project at 195-205 Cherokee Lane.

**Registration**  
To register, please email [info@rosseaudevelopmentcorp.com](mailto:info@rosseaudevelopmentcorp.com) with your name, contact information, and organization/affiliation. Virtual meeting link to follow.



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### Accessibility Lift at the Wharf

It looks like a product called the “Jenny Lift” is being sourced and will then have to be approved by Council at the 2022 budget. I’m quite excited about this although it has been a long time in coming. I have had so many people tell me they would love to take a relative or friend out on the boat but there is no way to get them in and out.



### Bylaw

If you have any concerns, we ask you to use [www.Gravenhurst.ca/reportit](http://www.Gravenhurst.ca/reportit)

This is a special new link that has been created. It goes straight to the appropriate department, for example: Public Works if it's a pothole, Bylaw if it is a parking offence etc. This works folks, please use it.

### Bears

This subject falls under the MNRF or the OPP. As such, if you need any information on the topic, they are the ones to contact. However, there is also a Non-Emergency Bear Encounter Hotline which is 1-866-514-2327

## 2022 Municipal Election

Can you believe it? My term is almost up. In 2022, we will be using the same voting methods as we did in 2018. The voting methods will be via telephone and internet. If you prefer going to the Town Hall in person, you still can. Staff will handout tablets and help voters through the process. Please remember and this is especially important, in a Municipal Election, you are entitled to vote in each municipality where you own property. I will be reminding you again in 2022, to make sure you are registered so that you can vote and make your voice heard in Gravenhurst.

I think I will end it here. I just saw the Wenonah II go by for the first time in 2021, so life is good! Please call or email me if you need anything. Enjoy your summer:)

Jo Morphy