

TLWI RESPONSE FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT NORTH AND SOUTH OF TURTLE COVE

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- i) The owners gave every evidence of listening carefully to questions and tried to answer questions honestly to the best of their ability. They acknowledged that they owned lake front cabins and residences but not at Turtle Lake. They also acknowledged it was not their intention to build or buy cabins or residences at Turtle Lake. The owners of this development proposal were primarily interested and attracted to Turtle Lake for profit.
- ii) The owners revealed that they only possessed a minimal knowledge of the property enclosed within the boundaries of their proposed development. For example
 - (1) They did not know that the northern area of their proposed development contained an active Bald Eagle Nesting site close to the shoreline. A site that has been used continuously for nesting by Bald Eagles for decades.
 - (2) The owners did not know how surface water presently drained from the area of their proposed development. They were aware of the location of a small creek, now dry, that had once flowed through the property and emptied into the lake. The owners agreed that stream should now be flowing given that the area is experiencing a period of higher rainfall and rising water tables. The owners said they did not know why the stream no longer flowed nor how the area once drained by the creek is now drained.
 - (3) The developers did not indicate any plans or possible location for a boat launch.
 - (4) One walked away from this presentation thinking that the plan for this development was a map largely drawn on the back of an envelope.
 - (5) No authorization until
 - (a) RM of Mervin has received and reviewed a geotechnical assessment by a qualified engineer attesting to the capability of the surface and subsurface soil structure to support the proposed development.
 - (b) The RM of Mervin has received and reviewed detailed topographical study detailing elevations by a signed qualified civil engineer that show the natural water drainage pattern prior to construction and the detailed plan for water drainage during and after construction.
 - (c) The RM of Mervin has received and reviewed an environmental report from a qualified professional report detailing the flora and fauna that presently live on land or in the water near proposed area of development.
 - (d) The RM of Mervin has received and reviewed a report from a qualified archeologist detailing the presence or likely presence on native artifacts on or in the area of