

We are very pleased to be able to provide some input on the master plan for Huntsville.

I have enjoyed Huntsville for many years as a youth growing up north of town and now as a cottager vacationing on the lake in the summer months. Huntsville is growing into a first class community with many of the services and offerings of much larger centers and for that we are thankful. As island residents in the summer months on lake Vernon we enjoy everything that Huntsville has to offer by the age old transportation method of the lakes and rivers. We are concerned that the town has not recognized the development occurring on the islands of the surrounding lakes and feel that more could be done to enhance the water access properties by providing convenient, secure docking facilities where islanders can leave their cars behind and access their properties. The further development of for profit marina facilities in our view would put undue pressure on the lakes and increasing traffic while desirable to a point may be undermining water quality in the long run. Many other communities in and around Muskoka have provided public use access for residents. In our view this would assist to put Huntsville at the forefront of responsible development.

Thank you for the input.

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