

Coalition of Landowners Fight an Egregious By-Law passed by Tay Valley Township

In March 2023 Tay Valley Township in Lanark County passed an unprecedented by-law which requires property owners on any "unassumed" road to sign an egregious "Agreement" before being allowed to build on or even for any reasonable "use" of their property, removing long-standing rights. An "Unassumed Road" is a Public Road owned by the Township, but not maintained by it – common to many cottage roads in Ontario. The "agreement" binds the owner to indemnify the Township; install and maintain signage, take out commercial general liability insurance, meet Township requirements for maintenance and many other clauses; and then register the agreement in perpetuity on title for the property.

This affects over 300 property owners in the Township. If enacted it would effectively halt any development, increase owners' costs and reduce property values. It has already caused considerable grief and anxiety among local owners. Over 60 people objected to the by-law at a Public Meeting prior to adoption of the by-law. All their points were ignored. Over 80 people are now Participants in the case before the Ontario Land Tribunal.

More background may be found on the website of the Little Silver and Rainbow Lakes Property Owners' Association website <https://lsrl.ca/municipal-affairs/>

A GoFundMe campaign has been started to meet our legal and professional fees. Current information on this may be found here: <https://gofund.me/99942347>

If TVT succeeds in defending its actions, other municipalities in Ontario may follow suit to the detriment of their taxpayers and citizens.

To be included on our mailing list for this challenge or further details, please contact Dr Frank Johnson at president@lsrl.ca.