

**City of Port Colborne  
Council Meeting Addendum**

**Date:** September 27, 2021  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

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Appendix A

Lakeshore Road East

Lorraine Road



# Lorraine Road

*(Parcels at Road Allowance Southernly Limit)*



Lake  
Erie





Weaver Road

Firelane 2

Lake  
Erie

# Weaver Road

*(Parcels at Road Allowance Southernly Limit)*







Cedar Bay Road

Vimy Ridge Road

Firelane 5

# Cedar Bay Road

*(Parcels at Road Allowance Southernly Limit)*



*Public Property*

Lake  
Erie

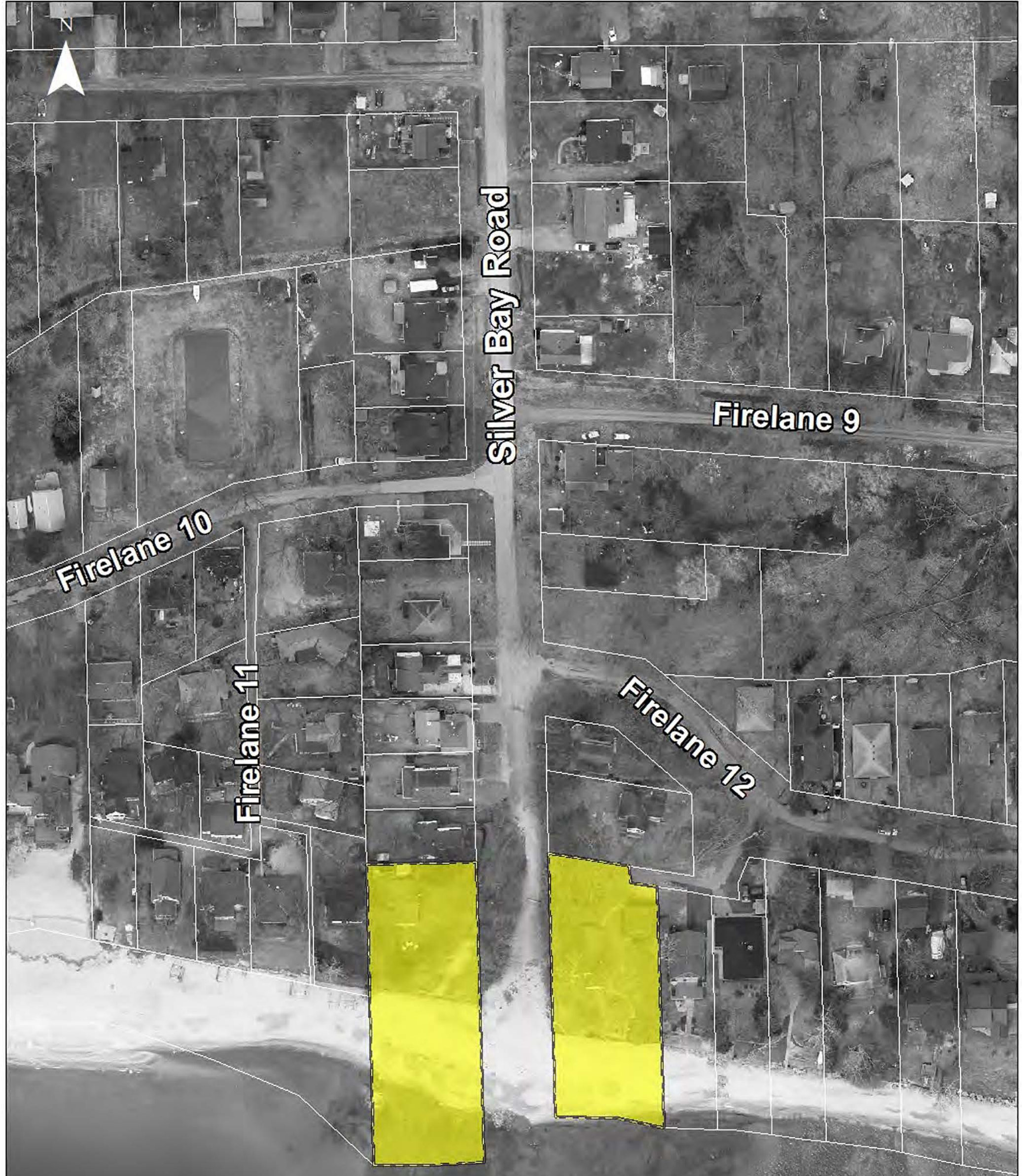




**Pinecrest Road**  
*(Parcels at Road Allowance Southernly Limit)*







**Silver Bay Road**  
*(Parcels at Road Allowance Southernly Limit)*



*Lake  
Erie*



**Firelane 15**

**Firelane 16**

**Wyldeewood Road**

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# Wyldeewood Road

*(Parcels at Road Allowance Southernly Limit)*



*Lake  
Erie*



**Firelane 24**

**Firelane 25**

**Pleasant Beach Road**

**Firelane 27**

# Pleasant Beach Road

*(Parcels at Road Allowance Southernly Limit)*



*Lake  
Erie*



To: City Council, Mayor Steele, Regional Councillor Butters

Our family has resided on Wyldewood Road for almost 40 years. We actually purchased land from the original owners of what is now the Sherkston Shores Resort, back in the days when tent camping and cars on the beach were the norm, prior to the massive trailer city is now. We have witnessed the issues that living next door to this city means.

One of the few benefits there is, however, is being given resident access. That used to mean the pools, the waterslides, mini golf, etc. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. Now it means we can drive in, and try, with great difficulty, to find a place to park, when we would like a swim in the quarry, because it is nearly impossible to park someplace and swim in the lake.

We have watched, year after year, how the Resort has utter lack of any security at its two borders, and how year after year mother nature destroys their feeble fences. During the covid-summer of 2020, we watched as hoards of trespassers wreaked havoc at the Pleasant Beach end, which eventually spilled over to Wyldewood as more and more outsiders figured out a way onto the Resort illegally.

That led to parking changes...not just at Pleasant Beach, but every road end. These have been welcome changes in our experience, and a huge thank you to council for those changes. Covid-summer 2021 was peaceful on Wyldewood, for the most part.

The issues at Pleasant Beach spilled down to all road allowances.

The issues at Pleasant Beach, then led to a very expensive road-end study.

This road-end study also included a road allowance that is owned by Fort

Erie....Holloway Bay. That unnecessary expense was multiplied, by having our dollars spent monitoring parking there, by our bylaw officers seven days a week, after the expense of making and installing "no parking" signs on land that is not owned by the city. I fail to understand.

The road-end study is somewhere in la-la land, but in the meantime, another unfortunate event at Pleasant Beach end (again) happened when a youngster fell off a cart. Once again, the lack of security at the borders of this Resort has allowed Resort carts to illegally exit their boundaries. Fortunately there were only bumps and bruises, if you follow the 'social media' Councillor Wells references. This lack of secure boundaries at this Resort, has so far led to costs to the City for parking studies, for bylaw enforcement, for a massive road-end study, and now a "staff report" on the keys and locks at ALL road ends.

The ripple effect for all land-owners along the lake front, and the costs to the residents of Port Colborne, stemming from incidents at Pleasant Beach, is staggering. Councillor Bagu is correct when he says this is a Sherkston Shores problem.

Why is there no reckoning of the Resort's role in this??

Why are our lives being negatively impacted by the Resort's role in having no security at their border??

Their lack of boundaries led to an accident on City property. That prompted Councillor Wells to ask for help in securing said property.

He wants help in rounding up the keys out there now, by putting a stop to historical abuse by someone in Pleasant Beach doling out keys willy-nilly to Resort owners. He wants a



secure lock. That's not too much to ask. Councillor Kalalief was correct when she said start over, and you will know who is requesting a key. That would put the City back in charge of their property by knowing who is coming and going.

It still doesn't solve the problem though. The Resort boundary is NOT secure. Their carts can still illegally exit, enticed by a food establishment that only exists on Pleasant Beach. Wyldewood does not have this issue.

Silver Bay does not have this issue.

Cedar Bay does not have this issue.

Yet that Resort's issue has rippled down to negatively impact everyone who has lakefront, and everyone who accesses the road allowance in respectful ways.

Back to parking....

All road allowances, for some unknown reason, have been deemed to be "treated the same way"....

So they all get studied. But they are NOT all the same.

They do not all have the same issues.

Each road end looks different....has been used differently.....and has unique issues.

Why is there only parking at Pleasant Beach and at Wyldewood, if we are treated the same....shouldn't there be parking at all of them ?

Why is there only one "handicapped" space and only on Wyldewood? That should be the same at every road end.

Wyldewood has the "longest walk" to get to the water's edge, but that's where you deem the wheelchair accessible site.

Now, if I understand the report being presented Monday night, that accessible site is pointless, as I will no longer be able to take my relative with mobility issues from the only spot she can park, onto our beach, because I can no longer facilitate her transport with my golf cart, because I am locked out.....ultimately because of some Pleasant Beach unfortunate event, that is ultimately due to the Resort's lack of security.

You claim all road ends need to be treated the same. We dispute that. The residents disagree.

We are all unique. We are all our own neighbourhoods. We deserve to be respected for that, and we do not appreciate our way of life being negatively impacted by a Resort with a transient population bigger than this city, full of people who have nothing to contribute except grief, to those of us who reside here 24/7.

One road allowance has the issues.

The ripple effect is ridiculous.

Nevermind the expenses to date.

I have a key, to the gate on Wyldewood. I have my receipt from the City, where it is written the purpose is for "accessing the beach with a golf cart".

You're taking that away from us (all of my neighbours) because someone in the Resort caused an issue by leaving their Resort property illegally on a cart.

That is a Resort issue, that should be resolved with the Resort.

Do not take away accessibility for those of us who appreciate what the City has done, with excellent parking changes, excellent bylaw enforcement, and overall improvement to our neighbourhood culture.



We are not Pleasant Beach. We are Wyldewood and would like to remain the respectful neighbourhood, who put up with more than you will ever know living next door to the city of Sherkston Shores. Changing the process for us is not necessary. Leave our road end with a more secure lock like Councillor Wells wanted, issue and control the keys, starting over and make this a Sherkston Shores issue as stated by Councillor Bagu. Give staff direction like Councillor Bruno suggested....a quality lock, quality key.

This is also a seasonal issue, that we will feel the effects of, all year long.

I don't have personal experience with any emergency issues at our end. Others do.

Locking cart owners out will actually hinder emergency help to someone in dire need, because you will restrict their access and speed in an event. As it is now, cart owners are a valuable asset in the event of an emergency.

Having a key is a privilege for our family and is something we respect and do not abuse.

Not everyone likes golf carts on our road allowance. We get that.

But that is something our neighbourhood of cart owners can address on our own. We have solutions to that, that do not involve denying anyone access, least of all the handicapped, and those with health and mobility issues.

Afford us the opportunity to manage that amongst ourselves. Wyldewood is unique. We are not Pleasant Beach. It is hard to accept that, as a private citizen, my golf cart is some sort of public hazard when your corporate citizen is allowed thousands of carts on the beach. That is discriminatory.

We are all on board for protecting each other, for respecting the privilege afforded us, and it is the ONE consolation we have, for living next door to the Resort.

Do not punish us for their lack of due diligence, which the City is then complicit in.

Sincerely

The Domenicucci Family

819 Wyldewood Road

Sherkston.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 26, 2021 6:28 PM  
**To:** Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca>  
**Subject:** Council Meeting September 27, 2021

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

We are writing to you to address the recommendation of Christopher Kalimootoo, Director of Public Works Services regarding the permanent locking of the gate at the end of Wyldewood Road that council will be discussing as per the agenda of their September 27th council meeting. We question where this extreme arbitrary change and recommendation comes from? To our knowledge no one from the city or council has spoken with anyone in our neighbourhood regarding any issues or come forward with any concerns or warnings. We did however read the inflammatory piece written in the Niagara This Week newspaper by James Culic (August 26, 2021) in which the article does NOT reveal any details or location of the said golf cart accident. We've spoken with many neighbours of Wyldewood and the owners of the Rudders restaurant on Pleasant Beach Road and no one knew of any accident at those locations, however we know of one that occurred within Sherkston Shores. Perhaps that is where the penalty should lie, where there are hundreds if not thousands of golf carts, rather than discriminatorily punish the responsible tax payers and families of our Wyldewood neighbourhood.

Families in our neighbourhood have been caretakers of the road end beach allowance for decades. We clean it and maintain its safety for everyone including any public who come to enjoy it. Including the removal of large hazardous objects in the water to keep swimmers safe. Each time this was initiated by ourselves while both the Ministry of Natural Resources and Barbara Butters, our ward councillor at the time were instrumental. Ourselves as well as neighbours have also used our golf carts on several occasions to assist EMT personal get to patients on the beach that were called for injury or medical distress issues. EMT vehicles can not make it down to the beach without getting stuck. We are always very happy to help in any way we can. One example of this was last fall when a surfer fell with force on the fin of his board on the beach and severely severed his leg. We drove EMT down to him and then drove the injured surfer and EMT back to the ambulance.

On a more personal note, our family as a whole is able to enjoy our time together at the beach due to our ability to access it via our golf cart as our son Connor has a disability. We also have an Accessible Parking Permit issued by Service Ontario. The thought that our ability as a family and our sons access to the beach is threatened is unfathomable and discriminatory. We have paid the deposit for our key and have never copied it for anyone. We have used the key, gate and access responsibly for approximately 10 years. Historically and precedent-ally our neighbours for much longer.

We do appreciate that the city has limited the amount of parking spots and we applaud the bylaw officers who worked so hard this summer - they did a great job. They



witnessed several issues and poor behaviour on behalf of the public using the parking in front of our home, some of which were of a criminal and threatening nature that was reported to police and council. Because we live here, we are witness to the real issues that need councils attention. The public parking offered by the city has created very real and concerning problems including theft, speeding, reckless driving, urinating and defecating, fights, threats, trespassing, etc. But, council chooses to ignore these real issues and rather focus on the few residents that use golf carts responsibly to access the road allowance beach area. Please note of all the gated road allowances that Wyldewood has the longest stretch from gate to shore to manage on foot and there are many in our neighbourhood that have physical, mobility, health issues and/or disabilities.

This recommendation appears to be impulsive and reactionary to what and for what purpose? Punishing the few residents that have historically and responsibly had access for many many years hardly seems fair and ultimately won't solve anything. And it won't stop the hundreds of golf carts in Sherkston from coming over to our small 66 foot road allowance.

Sherkston is the problem - and living next to that ever growing and lawless city has been difficult to say the least. We as neighbouring residents deal with A LOT! Sherkston should practice their due diligence and provide security at their beach end property lines. That will also free up some parking (if the city continues to provide it) for people who will no longer be able to trespass into Sherkston but rather anyone who wishes to visit the road end beach allowance.

This recommendation being released on a Thursday, just days before a Monday council meeting gives little time for vested parties to speak to it and offer suggestions or recommendations. We agree that IF there are concerns and issues regarding the gate and/or golf carts here at Wyldewood then of course it should be addressed, but that needs firstly communication and then careful consideration of all parties impacted including and not limited to city staff, council and residents. We believe that the recommendation as it is put forward will garner far more problems than solve, for all parties involved. We would be happy to be part of any planning strategies and solutions and are willing to help in any way we can.

Upon further reflection we believe that given the lack of reasonable notice and communication on behalf of the city to impacted tax paying residents this agenda item should be eliminated or at the very least tabled to a future meeting so that fair and proper protocol can be communicated and all parties given a chance to participate in finding a solution.

The McCreadie Family  
574 Wyldewood Road

Always,  
Marsha McCreadie  
*"Create a Great Day"*



From: Christine Sexsmith <[REDACTED]>

Sent: September 27, 2021 11:03 AM

To: Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca>

Subject: Wyldewood Road Allowance

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I have lived on Firelane 13 for 10 years. I am mobility challenged and cannot walk across the sand to access the lake. My husband and I own a golf cart that enables me to access the lake. When we purchased our home the agreement with city hall was that residents left a deposit and received a key to the gate which greatly influenced the purchase of our retirement home. Changing the rules now will exclude me from accessing the lake.

Christine Sexsmith



**Your Name:**

Donald Sexsmith

**Subject:**

Wyldeewood road allowance beach access

**Your Message:**

Sir/Madam

I have lived on Firelane 13 # 4278 off of Wyldeewood Road since December 2011.

To my knowledge there has never been a major incident or serious injury due to the residents having controlled access via use of the gate.

This has served all of us well.

Covid restrictions have caused undue attention to this area.

My wife and many others have mobility issues and are unable to walk across the sand to the waters edge. If the gate is closed or greatly restricted she and others will be denied the simple pleasure of water recreation close to home.

Numerous initiatives which the city has taken by restricting parking and towing has greatly improved the safety and compliance of the residents and guests using the road access.

I believe that these measures are sufficient to prevent any undesirable outcomes in the future.

I would hope that the council would monitor this ( Wyldeewood Road Allowance for another twelve months as it is.

In September of 2022 council could re-visit the issue and decide if there is a need for mitigation.

I/ we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person in a safe environment to further discuss any issues that we may not be aware of regarding this item

Sincerely

Don Sexsmith