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Dear

Mayor Desjardins

Victoria Golden Rods and Reels Fishing and Social Club thank you for your support at a recent CRD meeting to keep the Leech River Watershed open to restricted permitted access.

Our club represents a significant number of community members who enjoy fishing and recreational activities and we support the notion that permitted public access should be allowed.

We understand that irresponsible individuals have in the past gained illegal access to the area and have caused damage. We strongly endorse not allowing this type of individual access to the watershed. We support you in advocating for developing a permit system that would allow restricted entry and that access be permitted only for accredited, recognized recreational clubs and organizations that would be responsible for the behavior of its members.

According to Counselor Geoff Young "responsible users would probably enhance the security of the area," We agree with his opinion. Councilor Vic Derman has maintained that "we need to save it in as pristine condition as possible." Allowing accredited groups access could have responsible persons assist with monitoring and reporting irresponsible activities in the area.

Access to highland wilderness is a legacy that we need to assure for future generations. Experience of wilderness brings understanding of its value. Our present and future younger generations need a chance to experience and value what we as adults have enjoyed.

Once again thank you for your support of a permitted access system to allow accredited groups access to the Leech River Watershed.

We would be pleased to work with an appropriate committee to develop a system of permitted access.

Ron Duncan, President, and members of Victoria Golden Rods and Reels Fishing and Social Club

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