



VALLEY HIGHLANDS AREA

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INTENTION TO APPEAL DECISION TO TERMINATE WHISPERING PINES

Reference: Whispering Pines Camp, Voyageur & White Pine Councils, 19 July 2004

Sir

We have been informed that the Ontario Incorporated Body has decided to close the Whispering Pines Scout Camp by termination of its lease in the above-mentioned reference. We support the goals of the Scouts' Canada review of Ontario properties to maximize benefits of program delivery and as such, seek to advise you that the decision to close Whispering Pines does not support these goals.

The first request we have is that of more time to better prepare a business case to solidify our position and educate the board of the merits for retention of Whispering Pines. This announcement comes at a time where we volunteers have stepped away from Scouting for the Summer in order to replenish our enthusiasm towards Scouting and attain quality family time before starting a new Scout year. Suffice to say that we do not have an Area meeting scheduled until 19 August 2004.

We do intend to appeal this decision, however at this time we would like to request an additional 20 days to your response deadline in order to better gather the many facts, which I am confident will demonstrate the value of this property to the both the Area Scouting program, as well as Council and our partners in the community. I look forward to meeting with your board members to the successful resolution of this issue.

Yours in Scouting,

James R. Britton  
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