



## Bayfield Ratepayers Association

December 12, 2012

Mayor Dowson and Members of Council  
Municipality of Bluewater  
Box 250, 14 Mill Ave.  
Zurich, ON N0M 2T0

Transmitted by E-mail

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

**Subject: Bluewater's loss of a historic footpath access to the beach  
Lot 4, South of Cameron St. on Tuyll St. in the Village of Bayfield**

We ask that when an opportunity arises that Lot 4, in Bayfield, between 71 Tuyll St. to the south and 69 Tuyll St. to the North (immediately south of Cameron St.), be returned to its original use as public beach access. It's a gentle sloped access not requiring stairs.

A "Private" sign was recently posted there and residents found out that the land that had been maintained by the municipality as a municipal right of way and beach access, was missing a name on the deed. I've been told that a provincial Act allows that after 40 years an individual can place their name on a property's deed and legally own it for \$1.00. It was a shock to residents, both to learn about their loss of this footpath access to the beach and how it happened. The loss of this beach access is a concern to all residents but especially residents who live near by and have used it for decades.

We ask that you do all that you can to return Lot 4 to it's original use as public beach access. And, we ask that you discuss what happened with the province to see if they can help.

Thank you for all your help with this truly unfortunate situation.

Respectfully submitted,

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President