

Urgent Message to Ratepayers

Re: Highway 62.

The deterioration of Hwy 62 is of grave concern to Hastings Highlands (HH) residents; to the residents of surrounding municipalities, who depend upon this northern access route; to commercial suppliers who deliver goods and services to our area; and to tourists who travel this highway to vacation in our area.

A 29.5 km. section of Hwy 62 from Maynooth to Renfrew County Border, downloaded to Hastings Highlands — is now in dire need of repair/reconstruction—at a cost far exceeding our \$3.5 million annual budget, thus beyond the scope of Hastings Highlands ratepayers to pay.

Parts of this roadway are deteriorating to the point of concern for public safety. It is the only viable access for emergency vehicles, and access to Hospitals in Barry's Bay or Bancroft.

We request your help in bringing this urgent matter to Queen's Park: If you are concerned about the possible effect on your property taxes, or worried about ensuring safe passage on this portion of Hwy.62, we urge you to sign this petition, and send it back to your municipality with your tax bill. On behalf of all ratepayers in this area, Hastings Highlands will forward the signed petitions to Queen's Park.

PETITION

We ask the Liberal Government of Ontario to seriously address the following:

- The cost of 29.5 kms of provincial highway 62, downloaded to the Municipality of Hastings Highlands is beyond the financial scope of HH ratepayers to pay estimated cost of \$8-9 million.
- Ratepayers in surrounding municipalities depend on Hwy 62 as a major access route for tourists and for the delivery of goods and services.
- For many ratepayers in this area, Hwy 62 is the only access route for emergency services—for access to Hospitals in Barry's Bay and Bancroft.
- Ratepayers are concerned that your government is allowing this major provincial thoroughfare to deteriorate—threatening safety and the economic survival of our rural area.
- Our situation is unique in that there is no alternate transit to Hwy 62.
- As ratepayers we expect the 29.5 kms.(dissecting Hwy. 62) to be maintained to the same level of safety standards as other provincial highways.
- As a ratepayer in the Municipality of _____, we urge you to restore safe passage on Hwy 62 for travellers and the economic well-being of our North Hastings community.

Ratepayer Signature: _____

Please print name(s)

Below: _____