

July 28, 2026

Mr. David Barrett

Delivered via email: dfbarrett@eastlink.ca

Re: Potential Land Conservation Opportunity - Grand Lake Watershed

Mr. Barrett,

Thank you for taking the time to visit the Municipality's office and share your stories with us. We truly appreciated the opportunity to learn about your family's history and legacy, your connection to the land and forest, and the care you have shown through your stewardship over the years.

During our conversation, you mentioned your interest in a forestry trust as a way to protect your lands into the future. We would welcome the opportunity to explore whether a nominal conveyance of a portion of your lands to the Municipality could be a mutually beneficial way to honour your stewardship values while ensuring the long-term protection of the Grand Lake Watershed.

The Municipality continues to explore opportunities to preserve lands that contribute to the protection of municipal drinking water sources and the ecological health of the watershed. In particular, there is interest in lands located in close geographical proximity to Grand Lake.

Should there be mutual interest in pursuing this, the Municipality would seek to establish long-term conservation protections through registered covenants. These could include provisions to ensure that a minimum of 80% of the conveyed lands remain protected as forest conservation lands, while allowing for limited activities on the remaining 20% where they are compatible with the long-term protection of the watershed. Our hope would be to develop an approach that respects your legacy while advancing our shared commitment to watershed stewardship.