

OMB News - Updated

May 7, 2007

Members and Friends,

We were still celebrating the OMB Decision by Ms. K. Hussey, released on February 14, 2007, when we received news that on March, 14, 2007, Mr. D. White, lawyer for Kris House, had filed a request for a review of the Decision to the OMB.

On April 17, 2007, Ms. Marie Hubbard, Chair of the OMB, responded to that request by stating that "the request may meet one or more of the eligible grounds for review" and directed that "a motion hearing to decide whether to review the Decision be scheduled before a different member of the Board." The date for this one day review hearing has now been set for Wednesday August 8, 2007.

Your executive met as soon as possible after hearing this news. All members present at the meeting were unanimous that we should take all necessary steps to defend the Decision. They agreed that we should retain both our lawyer Barnet Kussner, and our planner Janet Amos to represent our association. Board members also emphasized that it is important that we remain strong partners with the Township of Lake of Bays.

Len Ross immediately contacted Barnet Kussner and Janet Amos, both of whom are more than willing to defend this important Decision. Janet Peake, Mayor of the Township of Lake of Bays, has assured Len that the township intends to vigorously oppose the rezoning of the property in question, and to defend their Official Plan. Ben Boivin, our local councillor, has also been contacted and fully supports our position.

Jean Fraser (Secretary),

Peninsula Lake Association