

Good Day

This will be my last general email. I thank all those who have sent positive feedback. You can keep abreast of the ongoing issues surrounding Beaconia by regularly visiting [www.beaconia.ca](http://www.beaconia.ca) or by emailing [dcrabb@mymts.net](mailto:dcrabb@mymts.net) to be included on the master BCC email list. Please see <http://tinyurl.com/ygamqvp> for information regarding the East Beaches Conservation Coalition (EBCC) whose separate email address should soon be active.

Attached is a high-resolution aerial picture / map of the north section of Beaconia Beach, the north marsh, the parking lot and field areas, and the Hadfield (now Rettie) farm at the foot of the causeway road. This map was provided to the EBCC by Lloyd Talbot, Manager of the Selkirk & District Planning Area Board [www.selplan.net](http://www.selplan.net). The EBCC is unsure of the age of the picture / map as the RM of St Clements did not release that information. It was taken in winter conditions and other factors lead to the presumption it was taken during the course of the current winter.

The yellow lines are the property lines as stated by the RM of St Clements. The farm property line extending well into the marsh is contentious. The red line shows the path of the recently excavated canal. The permissance of the canal is contentious.

The beach parking lot and immediately adjacent fields are shown in the lower left corner as parcels A, B, C, and D of title 1720387 of Plan No. 32236. Per <http://www.beaconia.ca/minister.htm> the former provincial Minister of Conservation has acquiesced the RM's request to have a caveat removed from this property. Research indicates the referenced caveat is #1902957 which basically prohibited any non-park development of the land and for the RM to maintain the causeway, the parking area, and public access to the beach. The removal of the caveat infers non-park development is intended and the Minister's letter specifically refers to "a parcel of land of a size sufficient to reasonably accommodate a development..." The removal of this caveat is contentious. Building on this land could restrict any public access to the beach forever, particularly if it changes hands from RM ownership

To make inquiries and/or to demand that the caveat preventing non-park development be immediately reinstated please contact one or all of the following Authorities:

- Honourable Bill Blaikie, current Minister of Conservation  
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/minister/mincon.html> can be contacted at [mincon@leg.gov.mb.ca](mailto:mincon@leg.gov.mb.ca) or 945-3730.
- Christine Melnick, Honourable Minister of Water Stewardship  
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/minister/minwat.html> can be contacted at [minwsd@leg.gov.mb.ca](mailto:minwsd@leg.gov.mb.ca) or 945-1133.
- The RM of St Clements [www.rmofstclements.com](http://www.rmofstclements.com) can be reached at [info@rmofstclements.com](mailto:info@rmofstclements.com) or 1-888-797-8725.

There is much speculation regarding the actions and intentions of multiple stakeholders in and around Beaconia Beach, the causeway, the marshes, and the farm abutting the causeway. The minutes of the initial EBCC meeting of 41 concerned residents, taxpayers, and nature enthusiasts are among the several recently posted documents. The EBCC encourages you to regularly monitor [www.beaconia.ca](http://www.beaconia.ca) for further information and updates. The EBCC can assure you that we are actively working on multiple fronts to resolve all concerns.

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Hope all is well.