Moore Falls Portage on the Gull River System Canoe Route



Our Social, Cultural and Economic Development in the Highlands

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Local Life

✓ The Portage at the Moore Lake Dams hold historic social, cultural and economic benefits for the residents and visitors to the area.

✓ Healthy outdoor practices are encouraged through government programs and promoted through regional tourism.

✓ Canoeing and boating are central and essential to the area's attributes for recreation and development.



Healthy outdoor living, including the learning of skills and safety on recreational waterways, is as common in our rural area as learning to drive a car on motor ways throughout Ontario.



Social, Cultural and Economic Development



Map of Gull River System Canoe Routes Promoted by Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes Tourism Departments

Location of the Moore Falls Portage along the 30 Km Canoe Route. (see blue arrow on Tourism map)

Arial Image 2013



Moore Falls Dams & Portage with Rollers & Hwy. #35

HISTORICAL NOTE: One Resident reported that this was the Route and location for the fur trade.

The Local Community Fabric

Example of Rollers



Hello My name is Peter Fry and I have been a cottager at 11283 WAO on Black Lake for 60 years..

When we first came to build and have a cottage on Black Lake in 1957 one of the best things to do was to go to " Minden By Boat". My father would take my brother and I thru the river to Moore Lake, over the rollers at the dam and up through Gull Lake and the river into Minden. As I got older we boys were allowed to make that trip on our own which we did many times.

Then along came marriage and a son and daughter and guess what. " Daddy, daddy can we please please go to "Minden By Boat ". " For sure kids let's go" and before I knew it they were going on their own. Actually before our children came along my wife and I would go with her regally relaxing in a foldup lounge chair at the front of the tin boat. Over the years I have made the " Minden By Boat" trip well over a hundred times and now we have a 7 year old granddaughter who I would dearly love to take to "Minden By Boat". Alas a boom blocking the way and no rollers so no "Minden By Boat". And on our lake we miss seeing the floatillas of Kilcoo kids in their canoes camping on the island on their way to and from portage trips up to Scrabble Lake in the QE park.

With the hundreds of cottages on Black, Gull and Moore lakes plus the rivers there has to have been many tens of thousands of portages safely made over those rollers.

Please bring them back so that current and future generations can once again go to "Minden By Boat"

Google earth view of Hwy #35 & Portage Location



Growing Public Concern – Safety & Navigation Protection Act

answer to the charges. Their driver's licences have been suspended and Her driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and the vehicle impounded for their vehicles impounded for seven seven days. days. Two face stunt Protect waterways School driving charges On Aug. 27 shortly after 2 p.m., OPP were using a radar gun on Highway 35 paired b near Moore Lake Estates in Minden Hills. remind To the Editor, They say a southbound vehicle was doing Right now, the federal government is reviewing the Navigation Protection Act - that's the law 148 km/h in an 80km/h zone. Yehuda that should give all Canadians the right to paddle Police remin Shleimovich, 42, of Vaughan has been up and down this land's waterways. That right is while on a h plice charged with race motor vehicle. or approach In recent years, 99 per cent of Canada's water-On the same date, shortly before 5:30 very important to me. ways lost navigation protection under the act. bus from th p.m., OPP were near Deep Bay Road in Unless our waterways have full legal protecpaired signal-ligh Minden Hills. They say a southbound tion we'll all lose our right to enjoy and play in vehicle was doing 144km/h in an 80km/h before rea streams, rivers, lakes and oceans. Even worse, when waterways are blocked by until the b zone. James Lewis, 52, of Hamilton has signal lig been charged with race motor vehicle. Both will appear in court at a later date to fail ender OT

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tems are put at risk. There's currently no law that makes it mandatory to evaluate environmental impacts on blocking and obstructing waterways, which can seriously harm fish, fish habitat and

Long lasting decisions are being made right now about our basic right to explore this country by kayak and canoe. Fellow outdoor enthusiasts, I hope you'll join me in writing or calling your MP to tell them to make sure the Navigation Protec-

tion Act protects our environment, heritage and

way of life.

Glen Henderson

development or land owners, sensitive ecosys-Beech makes good firewood

vesting of beech at this time maintains the overut of woodlots and makes use of the trees

The Highlander - Reports of Portage Demo



"NEWS ---- With demonstrators blocking traffic, it took about a minute for three men to portage across Highway 35 near Moore Falls." August 17th, 2017.

Local Interests, Provincial and Federal Directions

✓ The Moore Falls Portage is part of local social, cultural, recreational and economic development.

✓ It is counter productive to encourage recreation and economic development with some government initiatives while destroying this local fabric with decisions of another government department blocking the portage under the Hwy.

 \checkmark All levels of government need to work with local interests.









- ✓ The rollers were removed and Moore Falls portage blocked as Parks Canada attributed changes to public safety.
- ✓ There are more safety questions raised by this closure. People with water crafts, including children in tow, are required to cross busy Highway #35 to travel between Moore Lake and Gull Lake.



 \checkmark Timing in resolving this issue is critical. Plans are underway for maintenance upgrades to the Moore Fall bridges and plans are progressing with Parks Canada to address these dams on the Trent Severn Waterways flow. ✓ All parties are working diligently together over the last few years to maintain this portage on this heritage water way route. See latest reports.

Thank You!