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"The Heart of the Highlands"

Kennisis Lakes Property Owners,

The municipality's Septic Re-Inspection Bylaw, as adopted in December 2017, requires that every property owner on the Kennisis Lakes must have the prescribed inspection completed by an **approved** third party inspector and submit the completed report to Dysart's Building Department no later than December 31, 2019. This Bylaw was enacted under the provisions of the Ontario Building Code.

Reports can be submitted to septic@dysartetal.ca. Contact Bri at 705-457-1740 ext 658 with any questions regarding the status of your report.

To date, several hundred Kennisis property owners have fulfilled their responsibilities. In fact, over one hundred owners have also now completed required repairs as a result of the inspection process. Our lakes will be cleaner as a result.

As the deadline for completing inspections and submitting the prescribed form draws nearer, this note will serve as reminder to owners who have yet to book an inspection. **No exemptions will be granted.**

Some have asked about the consequences of not meeting the requirements of the Bylaw. Failure to have your septic re-inspection completed in 2019 is an infraction of the Septic Re-Inspection By-law No. 2017-101 and is subject to the prosecution and penalties established under Section 36, 37, and 38 of the Building Code Act, 1992, s.o. 1992, c.23.

Be advised, beginning January 2, 2020 Dysart's Building Department will begin the process of identifying owners who have not submitted their completed inspection form. This will require both staff and lawyers to review files, issue Orders against the property and prepare court documents for the **charges that will be filed.**

Under the provisions of the laws of Ontario, the courts may levy fines of up to \$50,000 for violations of the Building Code and related Bylaws. In addition occupancy or sale of properties in violation could be constrained. In fairness, to the vast majority of owners who have fulfilled their own responsibilities, these costs will be billed to the offending owners.

The consequences of failing to obey the law could be very severe, so do your part for the health of our lakes.