

Petition to the Minister of Transport

WHEREAS

- Municipalities, property associations and thousands of individual residents are deeply concerned by the potential damage including environmental, social, economic and public safety impact(s) unregulated float homes in Ontario can cause to our waterways, if left unregulated.
- The Ontario Government has recently consulted Ontarians on this matter and appears willing to bring these floating homes under regulation. But its hands are tied, they need your support to enact changes per the recommendation set out below.
- The problem is that in Ontario, Transport Canada classifies such structures as “vessels”, while in British Columbia, Transport Canada classifies them as “float homes”. There is, accordingly, a lack of national consistency in Transport Canada’s oversight of these structures.
- As a result, in Ontario, as a "vessel", these structures are currently exempt from all forms of provincial and municipal oversight and regulation, including building code adherence, environmental protection, public safety, taxation and location management.
- In British Columbia, where Transport Canada classifies them as “float homes”, these structures must conform to strict building standards and can be duly regulated by the province and municipalities to ensure environmental protection, building code adherence and use/location management.
- Once this change has been made, municipalities will be enabled to create bylaws to control float homes in a manner consistent with provincial and municipal standards.

We, the undersigned, citizens of the province of Ontario, call upon the Minister of Transport to:

Respectfully request that your Department classify both existing and new float homes within Ontario as float homes not vessels, in a manner consistent with the precedent your Department established in British Columbia in 2001.

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