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Press Release

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FLOATING CONTAINER DWELLINGS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY

Port Severn, Township of Georgian Bay, Ontario – Over the past few months concerns about container dwellings have been received from many residents.

Using a Floating Structure as a dwelling unit is an illegal use per the Township of Georgian Bay Zoning By-law 2014-75, as amended. The Municipality reserves the right to take enforcement actions as deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with the Zoning By-law.

The Township of Georgian Bay has been actively working with multiple partner agencies to ensure compliance to all applicable regulations and by-laws, as well as determining the most appropriate enforcement actions.

As the Township is not the only jurisdictional authority addressing these matters it is recommended that concerns also be directed to provincial and federal agencies.

<p>Transport Canada Toll-free: 1-866-995-9737 Telephone: 613-990-2309 Email: questions@tc.gc.ca</p>	<p>Parks Canada General inquiries:1-888-773-8888 Email: pc.information.pc@canada.ca</p>
<p>Trent-Severn Waterway Telephone: 705-750-4900 Toll free: 1-888-773-8888 Email: pc.trentsevern.pc@canada.ca</p>	<p>Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks Office: 416-325-3000; Crisis: 1-866-663-8477 (1-866-MOE-TIPS) Toll Free Phone: 1-800-268-6060 Email: moe.tips@ene.gov.on.ca</p>

**Ministry of Northern Development, Mines,
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MNRF TIPS line: 1-877-847-7667

Crime Stoppers (anonymous): 1-800-222-
TIPS (8477)

Ontario Provincial Police

Non-emergency line: 1 888 310-1122

If you would like more information about this topic, contact the Senior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer- Planning, Cody Avery at 705-538-2337 ext. 266 or email at cavery@gbtownship.ca

