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From: Alexandra Ehrlich Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 12:45 PM

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Hello Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to the ending of the Seasonal Rate for cottages in Ontario. My family has been going to Lake Joseph in Muskoka for over 100 years. It is more of a home to us than our city residences since it is always there but everyone moves around for jobs etc and primary residences change more. But this home is threatened for us with this change. Despite there being density in our particular area to fit in the Middle Tier, your zone is so big that we are dragged into the Rural Tier and our prices will double for our electricity, maybe go up even more. This is on top of Hydro rates increasing annually to crazy highs. These changes will cost many people more than they can afford to keep their places. Muskoka is already being taken over by the Uber-wealthy and those of us trying to keep our legacies alive and protect Muskoka from overdevelopment will be driven from our history and our homes. The year-round residents will be substantially hurt as well. If you want to destroy your rural communities by driving everyone to the city where it is cheaper, you will succeed. If you want to destroy your pristine gifts of Nature by leaving them to giant hotel developments and Megamansions instead of residents who actually care for their communities, then you will succeed. This is simply greed. You must not let Hydro end the Seasonal Rate tier and push Cottage Country into the Rural Tier.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alexandra Ehrlich