

Laura Rupprecht

Subject: FW: Trails proposal and Twp email bounce back message

Your Name:

Geoffrey Carpentier

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fees for access to parks

Your Message:

I would like this message forwarded to all Councillors and the Mayor.

I read about the new policy to charge non-residents fees to use trails in Uxbridge. I think this is a short-sighted and unfair policy. We literally live on the Scugog boundary of Uxbridge, have an Uxbridge phone number, attend church in Uxbridge, volunteer in Uxbridge, do most of our shopping there and have kids and grandkids there. Yet you are treating us as if we don't belong. Your policy is not inclusive and in fact discriminates against us since we don't pay taxes directly to you. This is the second time you've done this (i.e. skate park) and again it is unfair that I have to pay to take my grandkids to a facility or for a walk in the woods. This is nothing more than a form of taxation. As a pensioner who is already struggling with inflation and a diminished pension, you cannot and should not just presume that anyone can afford to pay to enjoy the outdoors. How would you feel if you had to pay everywhere you went? I'm sure you'd not like that. Do you stay within the boundaries of Uxbridge? - likely not. Yet you expect anyone who comes to your town to be treated as an outsider even as they leave their shopping dollars behind. Wow! I am so disheartened by this uncaring, discriminatory and self-serving attitude. And please don't tell me that you need the money to keep the trails up. If you did you would charge everyone not just "outsiders". Geoff Carpentier 905-852-2011

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Thank you, Geoff