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**Waterford Association Proposed By-Law Change**

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We're writing to you in your roles as Chair of the By-Law Committee and President of the WAI, but we urge you to share these thoughts with the entire membership, since there is no ongoing forum for members to discuss these issues.

The current by-law proposal to delete the 'grandfather clause' regarding preferential beach membership for property owners in the Pleasure Beach territory seriously disadvantages a significant proportion of the Association's members. Those whose intent is to bequeath their property to their heirs will see their families disenfranchised from membership that has often lasted several generations. Those who intend to sell their property with the existing automatic membership right could see a decline in property values if that right disappears. These two groups constitute a substantial proportion of current membership, and should not be encouraged to throw away these rights without a full and fair discussion of this issue.

It is clear that we need to streamline and more clearly define our by-laws, and especially this clause, but be careful not to throw the baby out with the bathwater. It's not clear who benefits by this change, and diminishing the value of membership for both existing and future members is not in the best interest of the Waterford Association's existing constituents.

What the Association needs is to revise, not eliminate, this by-law so that members' transfer privileges are defined, preserved and fairly applied across a clearly-defined beach territory. We support the 200-member cap, and believe there are ways to balance the interests of both existing and potential new members without making this radical change.

Sincerely,

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