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**Subject:** Solid Fuel BBQing

Greetings Mr. Mayor, and Councillors,

I am reaching out in regards to the announcement that solid fuel BBQing will no longer be allowed at the beach. I had seen this announced some time back, but saw no signage or enforcement go in at the beach since that time. Then the announcement came that it would be effective "immediately", today.

My concern, respectfully, is in regards to the impact that this bylaw may have on our seasonal visitors to Goderich, and more specifically to the equity deserving groups who frequent our beach during the summer seasons. In my time spent at the water front I would argue that it is almost solely our summer visitors who are BBQing, and that the folks making use of the solid fuel or charcoal BBQs are the ones preparing "cultural" foods. My concern, again respectfully, is that the new bylaw, and it's enforcement will have the impact of making these folks feel targeted in our town; in combination with the incredibly unfortunate sign which still exists leaving out of town on Hwy 21.

I do not feel in any way that this was the intent of the bylaw, my concern is again, with it's impact. I have done a cursory search of council minutes and can not find where reasoning for the bylaw was given. I would imagine it is to help keep our waterfront clean and tidy. I would suggest that I have visited other parks where receptacles were made available for the disposal of ashes. I have been down to the beach early on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and have seen the overfilled garbage cans, and the trash left beside them. I wonder the possibility of having larger dumpsters available for folks to utilize, at one or both ends, similar to how provincial parks require you to dispose of trash and recycling.

I absolutely love the sights, sounds and smells of our waterfront diversity during summer season, and would hate for any of our guests to feel unwelcomed by this new bylaw and it's enforcement.

Regards,

Mike Bennie