

## Friends of Carleton Island

November 15, 2024

Mr. Paul Aubertine, Supervisor, Town Board  
Mr. Ed Hludzinski, Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals  
Mr. Frank Giaquinto, Chairman, Planning Board  
Town of Cape Vincent  
1964 NYS Route 12E  
Cape Vincent, NY 13618

### Re: Proposed Development on the head of Carleton Island

Dear Sirs,

Your consideration of the applications related to the proposed development of a campground on the head of Carleton Island has been on-going since just over a year ago. The town has committed considerable time and expense to those applications, as have other concerned parties.

The developer is now party to litigation with the Thousand Islands Land Trust concerning the developer's proposal and its violation of the TILT conservation easements. We understand that a restraining order has been issued by the court limiting what can be done on the island, that the developer has appealed that order, and that litigation of the merits of the case has been stalled pending resolution of the appeal.

Given that the TILT litigation will shape what the developer might eventually propose for the island, suspending consideration of the developer's pending applications until the TILT litigation is resolved makes sense.

And given that resolution of the TILT litigation appears open ended, we would urge the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals to dismiss the developer's pending applications without prejudice, with the understanding that the developer may re-apply in a manner consistent with how the TILT litigation is resolved.

**In any event, kindly publicly confirm at your next meetings that your committees have suspended consideration of the developer's applications until the TILT litigation is**

finally resolved and that your committees will not take any further action regarding the proposed development without prior public notice.

Very truly yours,

**Friends of Carleton Island**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TGA', written over a horizontal line.

Todd G. Atkinson, FOCI Steering Committee Member

cc: Editor, Watertown Daily Times  
Editor, Thousand Islands Sun