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Town Clerk,

I am writing with regards to the local bylaw No25/76 about privately owned outdoor swimming pools. I am requesting an amendment or revision be made to stipulate regulations for hot tubs. Your current bylaw from 1976, states that anything measuring over 24 inches of water require a gate or fence. I completely understand this for pools, as their covers are thin and easy to fall in. However, I am asking that you review your current bylaw and perhaps have it updated like other cities, such as Dryden, Beaumont or Guelph. It can be simplified like Dryden where it states that hot tubs are exempt from the pool bylaw providing it has a substantial cover that locks when the tub is not in use, or it can be very specific like the Town of Beaumont which has specific standards listed. I have enclosed copies of both of their bylaws for you to review and hopefully adopt in the Town of Fort Frances. I can appreciate the concern for safety as I have children, I just feel that having 4 locks on my hot tub lid is significantly safer than a gate. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at home 274-4295 or work 274-6655. I have also spoke with the local hot tub distributor and he is willing to provide you with any industry specific or technical info you may require.

Regards,


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Cc: Mayor Roy Avis
Cc: Dave Petsnick, Revco (Beachcomber Distributor)
Cc: Tyson Dennis Building Inspector