

From: Jan
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To: Martin, Jackie
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Hello Jackie:

Could I please be added to the list of speakers who wish to make a presentation at the public participation meeting regarding the Springbank Dam?

As a mother, a teacher, and a long time former London Canoe Club member I want to speak to the importance of giving all London children the opportunity to learn to paddle a canoe. The London Canoe Club, at its location in Springbank Park, was committed to doing that. It was safe for children, easily accessible, and very inexpensive. I learned to paddle at the London Canoe Club, as did my three children. We are all still paddling.

I also want to speak about the river and the issue of accessibility for those of us who are differently abled. I shattered my tibia plateau in a motorcycle accident almost ten years ago now. It makes no difference in how I paddle a canoe; it makes a lot of difference in how I get in and out of one, though. The dam and the docking facilities are an important part of increasing accessibility for those who are differently abled, and I think we need to pay attention to this.

Thanks,

Dr. Jan Pennycook

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