

I have two concerns about the testimony of this witness.

1. The witness said she lived on Neil Lake and then went on to say that there is a lot of support for the dump. Some people may think that she was referring to the Neil Lake support of the dump.

There are about 70 residences on the lake – of which 4 or 5 are permanent residents and 65 or 66 are seasonal.

Of the seasonal residents, 80% have signed the petition against the dump. That is 80% of all those entitled to vote – it does not include their spouses, partners or children.

A news release to this effect was released last summer.

2. The witness implied that seasonal residents wishes are not as important as permanent resident wishes

The next page shows the breakdown of Alleyn & Cawood population, as of the February 2006 Municipal tax rolls.

The seasonal households make up the largest group in the Municipality. They also contribute a much larger share in property taxes – probably 65% to 70%, given the way the Municipality decided to respond to the recent change in the property values, and affect on taxes. Therefore, seasonal property owners do support the community in a significant way.

Finally, the witness said that seasonal cottages owners come up on weekends. My wife and I have been retired for 7 years now, and we spend half of each week at our cottage, **all year round**. There are many like us as well. On our lake alone (NEIL), I collect money from 14 people on my road, to keep it plowed in winter. In the next few years, as baby boomers retire, this number will increase.

ALLEYN & CAYWOOD POPULATION BREAKDOWN - February 7, 2006	
Category	Total
Lake property owners - south side of HWY 301	
Dole	11
Elsie	7
George	68
Kent	4
McCoglan	12
McKrank	3
Presley	17
Simpson	19
Trout/Tropper	11
	152
Lake property owners - on north (dump) side of HWY 301	
Neil	70
Picanoc	7
Lauzon	15
Wilson	24
	116

Number of "Seasonal" residents (the total of the above)	268	46%
Number of taxpayers who live outside Quebec who are land owners	68	12%
Number of taxpayers who live in Quebec (other than Alleyn & Cawood) and are land owners	120	20%
Number of taxpayers in Alleyn & Cawood	76	13%
Number of residents in Alleyn & Cawood who don't own property (number provided by a villager)	54	9%
TOTALS	586	100%