

Ranta park

The Amherstburg, Malden and Anderdon Sportsmens' Association has launched a petition to put forward to the town of Amherstburg on behalf of the citizens of the town, and surrounding area to consider the Ranta park at 1500 Front road north as the location of a public boat ramp and parking area.

The park land could be transformed into a public boat launch and access for canoes and kayaks. Amherstburg needs and deserves public access to the local navigable water ways that run west of town.

So much of Amherstburg's identity is being lost because many boaters and sports paddlers have no place to put in publicly for just one day or a weekend. The AMA Sportsmen would like to have a Detroit river only walleye tournament, but there is no public boat ramp for out of town sportsmen to put in. At the average cost of \$500.00 for a seasonal ramp pass at the privately owned marinas, the average person won't pay for a season pass to put their boat in for just one or two days.

A look further north to LaSalle and they have spent funds to upgrade and protect the public boat ramp that is full on most weekends.

Ranta Park is the only remaining public lands on the water front that is both out of the downtown core, and in a location right for a public boat ramp. There are grants both Federal and provincial that could be applied for to help offset the cost of the planning and implementation of this project.

In closing, I ask that Council please consider 1500 front road north as a future site for a public boat ramp.