In light of recent mention about the possibility of beach closures again, I would like to express my concern & thoughts regarding it. Walking along the shoreline is both good exercise, fresh air & especially good for mental health. Rather than close the beaches/shoreline, I ask you to consider enforcement of the no gathering guidelines so that we as permanent residents can still enjoy this benefit of our town. We can all crowd in to the grocery or hardware stores with little hope of social distancing, use the trails where in some areas it’s very difficult to be 2 metres apart, the sidewalks are difficult to at times to get around others with someone needing to go onto the road ways to maintain safe distance, which isn’t always safe with some busier streets. Walking the beach/shoreline where we never come even close to others is a great way to stay active & enjoy some fresh air and relief stress safely. Maybe the municipality needs hire some additional bylaw enforcement personnel to deal with those not abiding by the gathering rules & let us enjoy getting out there to walk for fresh air & exercise while safely social distancing. Included is an article that outlines some of the benefits of being near the water, especially at this difficult time. Also some included are pictures of Huron ridge beach to illustrate to wide areas for walking.

https://environmentaldefence.ca/2020/05/13/covid-19-water-help-calm-your-nerves/

Thank you for your consideration.
Regards
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