



September 19, 2025

Canadian Geoparks Network
c/o Chair, Frances Heydeman
25 Southgate Street
Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0

Aspiring Georgian Bay Geopark
c/o Executive Director, Tony Pigott
747 Manning Avenue
Suite 200
Toronto, ON M6G 2W5

Re: Opposition to the Proposed Georgian Bay Geopark

Dear Frances Heydeman and Tony Pigott,

On behalf of the Council of the Township of The Archipelago, we write to express our formal opposition to the proposed Aspiring Georgian Bay Geopark. The Archipelago does not support its inclusion within the boundaries of the proposed Georgian Bay Geopark and request to be removed from all maps, plans, and promotional materials related to this initiative.

As steward of approximately 26% of the total shoreline of Georgian Bay, The Archipelago places the highest priority on conservation, planning, and sustainable management. The protection and preservation of the area's natural heritage is central to our mandate and municipal operations. Council has determined that the Geopark initiative is not in the interest of our residents, nor the long-term stewardship of this fragile and irreplaceable region.

On September 19, 2025, Council passed a resolution formally opposing the inclusion of the Township in the proposed Geopark. The resolution affirms that The Archipelago will not provide a letter of support, endorsement, or participation in this initiative. It further states that Council urges all levels of government and the Canadian Geoparks Network to redirect funding and attention to the urgent environmental and shoreline protection priorities of Georgian Bay.

We appreciate your attention to our concerns and trust that our position will be fully respected in the consideration of this initiative.

Sincerely,



Bert Liverance
Reeve, Township of The Archipelago
On behalf of Council

Cc: Canadian Commission for UNESCO
The Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister FedDev Ontario
Graydon Smith, MPP, Parry Sound–Muskoka
Scott Aitchison, MP, Parry Sound–Muskoka
Shawanaga First Nation
Wasauksing First Nation
All West Parry Sound Municipalities and Georgian Bay Municipalities
Georgian Bay Association
Georgian Bay Biosphere Mnidoo Gamii
Georgian Bay Forever
Georgian Bay Land Trust
Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation