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Ontario Access Coalition c/o Tony Berlier 49 garden avenue Toronto, on M6r1h5

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Dear Tony;

Re: Significant land for sale below Old Baldy Conservation Area, Kimberley Ontario

I recently had the opportunity to meet with Jon Gullett with the Alpine Club of Canada and Randy Kielbasiewicz of the Ontario Access Coalition to discuss a property for sale near Kimberly Ontario. The property is well known to the climbing community and during our meeting it was very obvious that all parties had a significant interest in the land. The 52 acre parcel of land with its rugged tall cliffs and sweeping landscape is the signature of the Niagara Escarpment in the Beaver Valley. The property is listed MLS for \$290,000.00 and is owned by Mr. Ken Stephenson. Most notable during our conservation was the sense of urgency given the fact the land is currently listed on the market.

Grey Sauble Conservation owns to the top of the rock at Old Baldy (see map) with the Stephenson land occupying the majority of the escarpment base. The vertical face of the cliff is used by recreational rock climbers who currently access the area via the Stephenson property. The access across the Stephenson property has been possible with the signing of an annual access/ hold harmless agreement provided to Grey Sauble Conservation at no charge. The climbing access agreement may be in jeopardy if the property is sold privately.

The land is of considerable interest to Grey Sauble Conservation from a natural heritage and recreation perspective. Grey Sauble Conservation does not have the resources to purchase the land at this time however we are willing to take ownership of the land and pay for any legal cost related to a potential purchase. Recent conversations with Stephenson have shown no interest in donating the property via tax relief programs or severing a portion of the land.



At the conclusion of our meeting it was apparent to all organizations that we needed to continue to work together to find a way to purchase the land. We recognized the challenge of finding a donor that could champion the opportunity to help purchase the land, thus leaving an important legacy for future outdoor enthusiasts.

I am hoping that our organizations can meet again in the very near future to search out new opportunities to purchase this land. In the meantime, I will continue to leave no stone unturned.

Best regards,

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Chris Hachey

Land Management Coordinator





