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Dear Mayor & Council,

Generally Information Reports are to receive and not discussed. We trust Council will make an exception in this case.

To begin with, we've previously pointed out that Hamilton doesn't have only 7 public beaches. It has 8; granted the 8<sup>th</sup> one in Ward 10 is mostly under water in the Spring and prior to new developments was a little hidden gem. With the developments between Green Rd and Millen, this public beach is now however well used. Just this past summer there was a lot of inquiries about whether the water quality was okay due to some residents noticing the postings at Confed but further east, it wasn't until a few days later signs were posted at Fifty Conservation. In the middle of the 2 beaches, there's another public beach which NEVER gets tested and attempts to get it tested or find out why it isn't tested have fallen on deaf ears. (see pic below for location).

Hence, we are formally requesting Board of Health direct that our community beach be added to the list of beaches to be tested.

Secondly, not all of us who walk (with and without our dogs usually first thing in the morning) and not all of our children who head to the beaches (#8 and at Confed) have access or will think to check the city's website on *a daily basis* 

Respectfully, in our opinion it is the city's responsibility to ensure everyone's health is your top priority & that anyone about to go for a dip or let their dog drink the water know at the time whether it's safe or not.

As such, we are asking for the Postings at our beaches to continue in the same manner as previous years.

Kindest regards,

Viv / Anna/ Nancy Lakewood Beach Community Council



P.S. If there's a naming contest for this beach please let us know. We believe New Horizons has referred to it as Ethel? beach in their sales materials but it would be fun if the residents got to choose a name. Graduation Beach seems fitting based on the historical usage.