

# BAYFIELD

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November 17, 2008

Mr. Mark Abeles-Allison  
County Administrator  
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Dear Mark:

The Bayfield Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Bureau Board of Directors, representing 370 members of the organization, requests that action by the Bayfield County Zoning Committee regarding rezoning of the development proposed in the Town of Russell be postponed.

Little is known about the proposed development and its impact on all of the communities of the Bayfield Peninsula. At its September Board Meeting held September 15<sup>th</sup>, the board unanimously moved to request the Bayfield County Board of Directors and Zoning Committee delay their decision to rezone the property planned for development in order to give the neighboring towns the opportunity to determine the impact such a development would have on their communities.

There appears to be no imminent plans which require this change be rushed through a process that could bring about a poorly planned and accepted development to the residents of Bayfield County who will be affected by it.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to further information on the plans.

Sincerely,



John Thiel, President

Cc: James Beeksma, Chair, Bayfield County Zoning Committee  
Tom Gordon, Chair, Town of Bayfield  
Larry MacDonald, Mayor, City of Bayfield

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