

The Difference Between China and Muskoka

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Dear Committee of the Whole,

I am Cindy and I am from China, Chongqing. It is a very beautiful city, and hotpot is from here, but the only thing I don't like is that there is a lot of pollution in my city. Today, I would like to talk about the difference of environment in China and Muskoka. I like Muskoka because there are a lot of beautiful views and the people here are very kind. I am a student at Rosseau Lake College and I really enjoy the beautiful water and landscape.

As we know, in Muskoka, there is some pollution. The noise pollution and gas in the lake can create a bad environment for residents of Muskoka, tourists, local animals, and the beautiful natural surroundings. On my drive to Rosseau, I noticed the beautiful different coloured trees. The red, yellow, and pink trees are not something I see in China. This is why I am here to talk to you today. The pollution is not very bad now, but if there are more boats in Muskoka, the sound will be very loud and the pollution will be worse. That's very great and someone came to talk to us who is fighting for this.

In China, we also notice the environmental pollution, but I think it is too late. In my city, the air isn't fresh, because there are too many factories and people have to walk the streets wearing masks on their face. When I saw the lake in my city, I felt very sad, especially once I went to a lake that I always spent time with my Grandpa. We went fishing, and at that time, the lake was very dirty, and I saw many pieces of garbage in it. I was not able to enjoy the experience with my Grandfather and this made him very sad as this was the place he spent his childhood. I do not want to see this happen to Muskoka.

You know, we have too many people in China, almost 1.4 billion people and we need to have a lot of resources to live there so there is a lot of pollution, such as garbage in the lake and the road. Also because in China, they are not a lot of laws about how to keep the environment clean, so some Chinese tourists don't do a good job to become a polite tourist, so I hope the

government in China can add some laws to punish people who are doing bad things for environment.

I am happy to hear the Township put a 'freeze' on the development in Minett to get more information and study the effects of pollution and development on the lake. However I have seen the effects of pollution in China and I do not want Muskoka to follow the same. I love it here! I will visit Muskoka later in life and bring my family! All of us are trying to solve the problem of pollution and make the environment better! And I believe that the Muskoka will become more popular and the proper development will bring less pollution to Muskoka!

Thank you very much for your attention and time to allow me to speak today. I am very glad, happy, and excited to stand in front of you and give you my perspective on this issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cindy Xie