



August 8th, 2018

City of Kawartha Lakes Council,

I am writing to you today requesting support of the resolution for inclusion on the Agenda.

[WHEREAS] the walleye population has declined since the 1960s when hydraulic dams were installed along the Trent-Severn Waterway;

[AND WHEREAS] water levels in winter have experienced a higher (ecologically-damaging) draw-down in the last several decades;

[AND WHEREAS] the river spawning areas in Bobcaygeon and Lindsay are too high, too smooth, and in need of repair to facilitate successful walleye spawning in the spring;

[AND WHEREAS] the Trent-Severn Waterway is working with MP Jamie Schmale's Save the Walleye committee to make suggested repairs to walleye spawning grounds below the dams;

[AND WHEREAS] These improvements have the potential to improve water quality and the ecological health of Sturgeon and Pigeon Lakes;

[AND WHEREAS] These improvements could increase the revenues in the recreation and fishing tourism economy to the strong levels once enjoyed in this area;

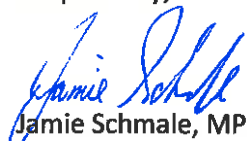
[AND WHEREAS] These pilot projects align with the objectives of Kawartha Conservation/Council's lake enhancement objectives;

[AND WHEREAS] the goals of the Save the Walleye committee are supported by MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott, Kawartha Conservation, Parks Canada/Trent-Severn Waterway, Ministry of Natural Resources and Bobcaygeon Chamber of Commerce;

[NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT]: The City of Kawartha Lakes Council supports the proposed spawning bed repairs at the Lindsay and Bobcaygeon dams as well as water level management that respects aquatic life, especially the walleye population that has dropped to baseline numbers in Sturgeon and Pigeon Lakes.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,


Jamie Schmale, MP

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