

May 21, 2008

International Joint Commission
Ottawa Office

Ottawa, ON

Attention: Mr. Greg McGillis, Public Affairs Advisor

Dear Mr. McGillis:

Re: Water Levels and Flows from Lake Ontario into the St. Lawrence River

Please find enclosed a copy of Resolution No. 130/2008, passed by Council at the regular meeting held on May 14, 2008 regarding the above noted.

Should you have any further questions or comments, please contact our office and we would be pleased to accommodate you.

Yours truly,



Loriann Harbers
Deputy Clerk

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Encl.

cc: G. Lauzon, MP
J. Brownell, MPP
Minister of Natural Resources
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
AMO
City of Frontenac
Township of Frontenac Islands
City of Gananoque
Council
Wolfe Island

Township of Leeds and TheThousand Islands
Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley
City of Brockville
Front of Yonge
Augusta Township
Prescott
Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal
South Dundas
South Glengarry
City of Cornwall
Counties of SDG
Counties of Leeds Grenville
City of Kingston

Resolution # 130/2008

Date: May 14, 2008

Moved by: Councillor/Deputy Mayor Ray Beauregard

Seconded by: Councillor/Deputy Mayor [Signature]

Whereas Canada and the United States signed the Boundary Waters Treaty in 1909 that provides for the creation of the International Joint Commission (IJC) to help resolve and prevent disputes concerning water quantity and quality along the boundary between Canada and the United States throughout the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River;

And Whereas the Order of Approval provides specific parameters for the water levels on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence and was adopted by the governments of Canada and the United States in 1956 to reflect the development of power in the International Rapids Section of the St. Lawrence River;

And Whereas, in 1999, it was recognized that the current Order required updating and as such the International Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River Study was conducted;

And Whereas proposed water level management plans were presented to the public for consultation from the most stringently regulated to a more natural rhythm, to a plan that proposes only minor changes to the existing plan;

And Whereas Plan B+ appears to have been prepared to provide the most environmental benefits, reasonable water level regulation for tourism and boating purposes while providing for the same high levels of hydropower production as those proposed in Plan 2007.

Now Therefore be it resolved that Council supports the implementation of Plan B+, being the plan to most recognize environmental needs, tourism and boating requirements, shoreline and residential erosion issues, the production of hydropower and commercial navigation difficulties.

Further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to those municipalities along the St. Lawrence River from Kingston to Cornwall, MP, MPP, Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and AMO for their endorsement and support.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED

[Signature]
Chairperson

RECORDED VOTE:

Councillor Brownlee -
Councillor Hart -
Councillor Woods -
Deputy Mayor Beauregard -
Mayor McGillis -