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Terry Rees, Executive Director
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By Email: info@foca.on.ca

RE: Consultations on Parks Canada's Draft Management Plan for the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site

Dear Terry,

I write today to inform you that the Parks Canada Agency is undertaking consultations on the draft *Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site (including Peterborough Lift Lock National Historic Site) Management Plan*. It is my pleasure to present you with a copy of the draft plan with this letter for your consideration and input.

The management plan is a key instrument for delivering Parks Canada's mandate to protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage, and to foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure the ecological and commemorative integrity of these places for present and future generations.

The current management plan for the Trent-Severn Waterway dates to 2000. The new management plan will guide Parks Canada's decisions and actions in protecting, presenting and operating the Trent-Severn Waterway for the next ten years.

Parks Canada achieves its mandate and vision through the active participation of its team members, First Nations, stakeholders, and with the support of Canadians. Consultation on the plan is meant to provide two-way dialogue to gather feedback, views, and/or ideas on issues and opportunities that relate to the management and operation of the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site.

This draft document is the result of multiple engagement sessions with Trent-Severn Waterway stakeholders, partners and First Nations. Parks Canada will officially launch *Trent-Severn Waterway: The Next Ten Years* on April 4, 2022. This online platform will provide all Canadians the opportunity to share their thoughts on the future of the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site. We will conclude the consultation phase of the management plan review process on June 30, 2022.

More details on the management planning process can be found at the following link: <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info>.

Your feedback on the draft vision, key strategies, objectives and targets is most welcome. Should you wish to discuss this plan directly, Parks Canada would be happy to facilitate a virtual meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact our External Relations Manager Dale MacEachern for this or any other matter. He can be reached at 613-485-2633 or by email at Dale.MacEachern@pc.gc.ca.

Public safety remains Parks Canada's top priority. As such, we will not be holding any in-person meetings at this time.

I thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in this important management plan review process and look forward to receiving your feedback.

Kind regards,



David Britton
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Parks Canada