

September 9, 2019

Susan Sheridan, Clerk  
Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards  
1 John Street, P.O. Box 39  
Killaloe, ON. K0J 2A0

Dear Ms. Sheridan,

In keeping with a more proactive approach to water quantity management and in support of our member associations on Golden, and Round Lakes, we appreciate the Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards taking the lead in pulling together the KHR (stakeholders) proposed amendment(s) to the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan.

On behalf of our organization, I would like to offer support for the recently proposed amendment(s).

We understand that the proposed revisions have been subject to significant stakeholder input, that the recommended changes are supported by the related environmental study, and have broad support from the various stakeholders including municipalities and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nations.

FOCA and our many member associations have a long-standing interest in the appropriate management of water levels in Ontario's lakes and rivers. The safety and security of residents of rural Ontario will rely increasingly on forward-looking management, and effective responses to a changing water quantity dynamic, as evidenced by the high flows across large swaths of central Ontario virtually every spring.

In the face of compelling information about the property impacts of extreme water levels, it is prudent that resource managers and emergency responders at all levels have a common understanding of the roles and responsibilities of all, and that the public who ultimately are at risk are also appropriately engaged in an effective and timely manner.

Forward planning with public input and buy-in will contribute to better resource management and stronger communities.

Sincerely,



Terry Rees  
Executive Director

cc: Golden Lake Property Owners Association (GLPOA)  
Round Lake Property Owners Association (RLPOA)