

Letter to Township of Minden Hills Council  
And Haliburton County Council

RE: 2015 PAN AM GAMES-WHITE WATER RESERVE

Dear Members of Council:

Recent news that the White Water Reserve may be considered as the site for kayak competitions during the 2015 Pan Am Games raises some concern for the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF).

Many of our member lake associations from Horseshoe Lake north experience a significant decrease in water levels during the annual competition presently hosted by the White Water Reserve especially in dry seasons. As you know, the CEWF is actively pursuing resolution to declining lake levels through the federal and provincial governments. We are grateful for the support extended to the CEWF effort by our municipalities.

There is no way of knowing weather conditions far into the future. Therefore, the CEWF requests that serious consideration be given to municipal tax payers, of whom waterfront owners are the primary source of income for the municipality. Furthermore, the process must include consultation with Parks Canada and the Trent-Severn Waterway as well as affected waterfront property owners. Should it be determined that no additional water would be drawn other than 'run of the river' for this event, the Coalition would have no objection to it.

We are happy to be of assistance in your deliberations at your request and look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

COALITION FOR EQUITABLE WATER FLOW-HALIBURTON SECTOR, TSW

Bonnie Fleischaker, Chair

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White Water Reserve