



Coalition for
Equitable
Water Flow

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

RE: FEDERAL PANEL’S REPORT, IT’S ALL ABOUT THE WATER & THE COALITION FOR
EQUITABLE WATER FLOW-HALIBURTON SECTOR, TSW (CEWF)

This letter is to assure Council and all residents concerned about water levels in the Trent-Severn Waterway that the CEWF **has not** and **is not** seeking “to eliminate the existing draft or lower the water levels in the lakes within the TSW corridor”. This and other similar statements made by certain organizations and individuals are completely erroneous and serve no constructive purpose.

The Coalition is however, trying to engage other stakeholders, including the Province of Ontario, and individual municipalities in asking Canada’s Minister of Environment to respond to the recommendations contained in the federally appointed Panel on the Future of the TSW report entitled It’s All About the Water. When the Panel was struck in response to the unanimous, all party support of a private members Bill, the Terms of Reference indicated that the Minister of Environment Canada would respond within one year of receipt of the Panel’s Report. That anniversary date passed on April 30th, 2009. Other than providing \$21 million to Parks Canada for infrastructure repairs, etc. there has been no announcement towards the building of the future of the TSW.

It is clear that the demand for water is beginning to encroach on the limit of supply, and driven by climate change, the situation will likely worsen in the very near future.

The CEWF shares the opinion of many that it is long past time to resolve the numerous problems that prevent the safe and efficient operation of the TSW within an integrated watershed management regime. We are therefore, asking you to do whatever you deem necessary to ensure that the effort and hard work of the Panel and of hundreds of your constituents is not in vain.

Sincerely,

COALITION FOR EQUITABLE WATER FLOW-HALIBURTON SECTOR, TSW
Bonnie Fleischaker, Chair

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