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Water Flow

**SUPPORT FOR INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT FOR THE TRENT WATERSHED
(Updated June 1, 2012)**

The Trent Severn Waterway, as the water management agency for the entire Trent Watershed needs your support. The Federal Budget on March 28, 2012 has cut funding to a number of federal government departments including Parks Canada, which has responsibility for water management of the Trent watershed.

On May 3, 2012 Parks Canada sent a letter to all Stakeholders, which addressed the cutbacks. Here is what we know.

Parks Canada has identified five areas for budget reduction, one of which is recreational boating services at canals. Parks Canada has announced that it will be restructuring the existing field units that contain canals to creating new management units that are 100% dedicated to canals.

As of June 1, 2012 we understand that the Parks Canada water management responsibility will remain an integral component of their canals mandate and will not be spun off as a separate entity.

However, a reduction in TSW staff means that there are likely to be numerous water management impacts on the Trent Watershed from water levels to water quality; wetlands & wildlife; and flooding.

None of what has been announced addresses the need for infrastructure renewal as outlined in the Panel Report of 2008 "It's all about the Water" which concluded that \$250 million plus was needed to restore the infrastructure. Without this investment, public safety, responsible water management and the environment in the watershed are at risk.

So what can you do? The Coalition is asking the federal government to clarify its commitment to water management and to consult with stakeholders.

We ask that you email the Minister of the Environment and other MPs about your concern (email addresses are provided below) to indicate your support for integrated water management and additional infrastructure funding.

Our commitment to you is that we will keep you informed through www.cewf.ca.

Your support is appreciated by all waterfront property owners in the Trent watershed.

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