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Our file **May 3, 2012**
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Dear Stakeholder/Partner/Friend,

Following the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan tabled on March 29th 2012, I would like to provide you with an update on how the Government's effort to reduce the deficit will impact the Trent-Severn Waterway.

On April 11th Parks Canada identified five areas for budget reduction, one of which is recreational boating services at canals. Parks Canada announced that it would align the length of its season, hours of operation, and personal service at locks on canals to focus investments on the periods of highest requirements. This week, Parks Canada announced that it would be restructuring the existing field units that contain canals to creating new management units that are 100% dedicated to canals. Developing this new canal structure will take time.

On April 30th, we notified our team members of the potential and actual staffing impacts associated with the budget decision on recreational boating and the decision to create canal-focused management units. I provided approximately 139 TSW staff with letters indicating their positions may be affected in the future as these budget and organizational decisions are finalized. Also yesterday, 11 TSW lock masters and lock operators were approved for voluntary layoff and received their official layoff notice. These staff will complete their career with the TSW over the course of the coming weeks and months. Their contributions over many years have been many and they will be missed.

At this time there is no final decision on the end-of-season date for 2012, or for the operating schedule and services for 2013. It is my goal to keep our staff, partners and stakeholders informed as these decisions are made. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 705-750-4900 or by email at dawn.bronson@pc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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