

Responses to CEWF Questions from Candidates in Trent Lakes

Municipality	Ward/Office	Candidate	Acclaimed?	Response?
Trent Lakes	Mayor	Janet Clarkson		October 8, 2014
	Mayor	Bev Matthews		
	Deputy Mayor	Peter Franzen		September 1, 2014
	Deputy Mayor	Ronald Windover		not able to contact
	Deputy Mayor	Rick Aube		September 10, 2014
	At Large	Dick Persson	✓	September 19, 2014
	Galway-Cavendish	Madelaine Pearson		
	Galway-Cavendish	Richard Wackernagel		
	Galway-Cavendish	Terry Lamshead		
	Harvey	Peter Raymond	✓	August 17, 2014

Note: Responses below are provided in the sequence received by CEWF

**Responses from Peter Raymond
Candidate for Harvey Ward**

1. Do you agree that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management in the Haliburton sector of the Trent River watershed? If so what is your personal commitment in this regard?

Q1 response:

I agree, Municipalities do have role in working to improve water management in the Haliburton sector of the Trent River watershed by Lobby Federal government via Eastern Ontario Wardens Carcus. (EOWC) that represent 103 municipalities including Haliburton County. <http://www.eowc.org/en/>

2. Do you agree that, rather than seeking the establishment of Conservation Authorities in those areas currently lacking a CA, there is merit in municipalities contracting the existing CAs to provide specific expertise and services such as low water response planning or flood plain mapping for reservoir lakes deemed to have significant flood risk?

Q2 response:

I agree that rather than seeking establishment of Conservation Authorities in those areas currently lacking a CA, there is merit in municipalities contracting existing CAs to provide specific expertise and services. Cost estimates will need to be provided then prioritized in regular budget process.

3. Do you support the key recommendation of the AECOM Water Management Study that the TSW adopt a constraint-based water management model capable of considering lake specific navigation and environmental constraints such as those already identified by Coalition member lake associations? If so, what would you do about it?

Q3 response:

I do support the AECOM Water Management Study that the TSW adopt a constraint-based water management model capable of considering lake-specific navigation and environmental constraints as identified by CEWF member associations. I would support the Voices of TRENT & TSW Waterway Working Group to lobby Federal government.

http://cewf.typepad.com/CEWF_Comments_AECOM_WM_Study_Distributed_2013_11_07.pdf

4. Will you urge Parks Canada to release dam safety reviews as they are completed and urge the federal government ensure public safety by immediately investing in dam repairs and maintenance so as to remove the deferred maintenance deficit and bring the dam infrastructure up to at least a 'good' or 'fair' state of repair?

Q4 response

I will urge Parks Canada to release dam safety reviews via the Voices of TRENT & TSW Waterway Working Group.

5. Actions have been taken by Haliburton County and some of its municipalities to improve communications during flood events. What further actions are needed – for example to raise awareness of municipal Flood Emergency Preparedness Plans and to communicate other water management issues such as during times of low water?

Q5 response:

Communications during flood events and other related actions. Sharing information on municipal flood emergency preparedness with Lake association's would be beneficial, website info on status of flood alerts

Eg: <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/EmergencyManagement/2ColumnSubPage/239496.html>

http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/ne-wl/trent_e.asp

<http://www.kawarthaconservation.com/>

6. Do you agree that municipal government should work with local lake associations to facilitate improvements to water management operations and structures on reservoir and flow-through lakes as exemplified by the following list:

Q6 response:

I agree that municipal government should work with local lake associations to facilitate actions related to water management operations, structures on reservoir and flow-through lakes. Working cooperatively is beneficial for all. The municipality can lobby Haliburton County & EOWC . <http://www.eowc.org/en/>

Regards

Peter Raymond – candidate for councillor Harvey Ward, for Municipality of Trent Lakes <http://peterraymondforcouncil.wordpress.com/>

Responses from Peter Franzen
Candidate for Deputy Mayor, Trent Lakes

1. Do you agree that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management in the Haliburton sector of the Trent River watershed? If so what is your personal commitment in this regard?

Q1 response:

Municipalities have an important role to play as partners to the federal and provincial government on the future of integrated Trent-Severn Waterway. I have personally discussed this matter with MP Barry Devolin and MPP Laurie Scott and if elected I would continue this dialogue.

2. Do you agree that, rather than seeking the establishment of Conservation Authorities in those areas currently lacking a CA, there is merit in municipalities contracting the existing CAs to provide specific expertise and services such as low water response planning or flood plain mapping for reservoir lakes deemed to have significant flood risk?

Q2 response:

I have been a council representative on the Kawartha Conservation Authority for 9 yrs. and have great respect for C.A.s. I would support use of their expertise in low water response planning and flood plan mapping

3. Do you support the key recommendation of the AECOM Water Management Study that the TSW adopt a constraint-based water management model capable of considering lake specific navigation and environmental constraints such as those already identified by Coalition member lake associations? If so, what would you do about it?

Q3 response:

I would urge the CEWF to work in conjunction with Voices of the Trent there are many common issues.

4. Will you urge Parks Canada to release dam safety reviews as they are completed and urge the federal government ensure public safety by immediately investing in dam repairs and maintenance so as to remove the deferred maintenance deficit and bring the dam infrastructure up to at least a 'good' or 'fair' state of repair?

Q4 response Yes I will urge Parks Canada to make all dams safe and maintain integrity of the system.

5. Actions have been taken by Haliburton County and some of its municipalities to improve communications during flood events. What further actions are needed – for example to raise awareness of municipal Flood Emergency Preparedness Plans and to communicate other water management issues such as during times of low water?

Q5 response:

Yes I agree communication is always important. I would agree that council invite and welcome input from lake and ratepayer association.

6. Do you agree that municipal government should work with local lake associations to facilitate improvements to water management operations and structures on reservoir and flow-through lakes as exemplified by the following list:

Q6 response:
(no response)

Rick Aube candidate for Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Trent Lakes.

Questions from the Coalition

1. Do you agree that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water? management in the Haliburton sector of the Trent River watershed? If so what is your personal commitment in this regard?

I absolutely believe that the municipalities should be playing a role to improve water management in our areas. And I would work with CEWF to better understand the whole of the issues.

2. Do you agree that rather than seeking the establishment of Conservation Authorities in those areas currently lacking a CA, there is merit in municipalities contracting the existing CAs to provide specific expertise and services such as low water response planning or flood plain mapping for reservoir lakes deemed to have significant flood risk?

I do agree and I don't see any reason why we wouldn't use the expertise of existing groups. Obviously the costs will have to be measured and approved within the appropriate budget process.

3. Do you support the key recommendation of the AECOM Water Management Study that the TSW adopt a constraint based water management model capable of considering lake specific navigation and environmental constraints such as those already identified by Coalition member lake associations? If so, what would you do about it?

I will have to review the study in more detail before I could comment.

4. Will you urge Parks Canada to release dam safety reviews as they are completed and urge the federal government ensure public safety by immediately investing in dam repairs and maintenance so as to remove the deferred maintenance deficit and bring the dam infrastructure up to at least a 'good' or 'fair' state of repair?

I will urge Parks Canada to make public their dam safety reviews and I would push through the appropriate group that the federal government invest in the necessary repairs.

5. Actions have been taken by Haliburton County and some of its municipalities to improve communications during flood events. What further actions are needed for example to raise awareness of municipal Flood Emergency Preparedness Plans and to communicate other water management issues such as during times of low water?

The key issue as you have pointed out is communication and that may be improved through both municipal and cottage owner associations websites and possibly the media.

6. Do you agree that municipal government should work with local lake associations to facilitate improvements to water management operations and structures on reservoir and flow through lakes as exemplified by the following list:

Urging action to upgrade those reservoir lake dams with a Parks Canada (poor) asset condition rating of "C" or "D" viz. Canning, Horseshoe, Elliot Falls (Moore Lake), Jack's, Big Bob, Contau, Drag, Miskwabi, Eagle, Oblong, Mississagua, Moore Falls #1 (Gull Lake), Little Bob, Redstone West?

- Installing a weir on Maple Lake (Algonquin Highlands) to reduce water level fluctuations ?
- Installing an automated water level gauge on Mountain Lake (Minden Hills) rather than relying on data from Horseshoe Lake?

- Improving infrastructure at the Kennisis Lake dam (Dysart et al) as part of the announced refurbishment or rebuilding of the dam, for example improving boater safety with redesigned docking and ramp facilities?
- Obtaining flood damage curves for Boshkung Lake (Algonquin Highlands), Horseshoe, Mountain, and Twelve Mile lakes (Minden Hills)?
- Reducing use of ATV's for access to the Jack's Lake dam (North Kawartha, Havelock, Belmont Methuen) due to the resulting trail damage.

I do agree that municipal government should work with the lake associations to make improvements to water management operations as proper management plays a key role in boating safety, environment, and damage to shorelines and docks. I feel inter-action between municipalities and lake associations could play an important role.

I am unfamiliar with the specific lake references as indicated above, so I respectfully decline to comment.

Thank you for this opportunity.

**Responses from Dick Persson
Candidate (acclaimed) for Councillor At Large**

1. Do you agree that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management in the Haliburton sector of the Trent River watershed? If so what is your personal commitment in this regard?

Q1 response:

I do believe that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management of the Trent River and its watershed.

2. Do you agree that, rather than seeking the establishment of Conservation Authorities in those areas currently lacking a CA, there is merit in municipalities contracting the existing CAs to provide specific expertise and services such as low water response planning or flood plain mapping for reservoir lakes deemed to have significant flood risk?

Q2 response:

I do not have enough knowledge of this area to give a response.

3. Do you support the key recommendation of the AECOM Water Management Study that the TSW adopt a constraint-based water management model capable of considering lake specific navigation and environmental constraints such as those already identified by Coalition member lake associations? If so, what would you do about it?

Q3 response:

I will have to review the AECOM Water Management Study in more detail before I comment.

4. Will you urge Parks Canada to release dam safety reviews as they are completed and urge the federal government ensure public safety by immediately investing in dam repairs and maintenance so as to remove the deferred maintenance deficit and bring the dam infrastructure up to at least a 'good' or 'fair' state of repair?

Q4 response

Yes, I believe Parks Canada have an obligation to release all information concerning the dam safety reviews and to bring all dams up to a safe state of repair.

5. Actions have been taken by Haliburton County and some of its municipalities to improve communications during flood events. What further actions are needed – for example to raise awareness of municipal Flood Emergency Preparedness Plans and to communicate other water management issues such as during times of low water?

Q5 response:

Improved communication between Province, County, Municipalities, Lake Associations and Public is a must. The use of social media and other alternative forms of communication needs to be considered.

6. Do you agree that municipal government should work with local lake associations to facilitate improvements to water management operations and structures on reservoir and flow-through lakes as exemplified by the following list:

Q6 response:

I do not have sufficient knowledge to comment on the specifics in the list provided.

**Responses from Janet Clarkson
Candidate for Mayor**

1. Do you agree that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management in the Haliburton sector of the Trent River watershed? If so what is your personal commitment in this regard?

Q1 response:

I certainly do. We must work along with Trent management to stress the importance of proper and timely management of water levels.

2. Do you agree that, rather than seeking the establishment of Conservation Authorities in those areas currently lacking a CA, there is merit in municipalities contracting the existing CAs to provide specific expertise and services such as low water response planning or flood plain mapping for reservoir lakes deemed to have significant flood risk?

Q2 response:

I agree, working with established groups is the better way to go. They have a history and the cost savings are substantial. The coalition for equitable water flow is a very good source as it has on the ground knowledge.

3. Do you support the key recommendation of the AECOM Water Management Study that the TSW adopt a constraint-based water management model capable of considering lake specific navigation and environmental constraints such as those already identified by Coalition member lake associations? If so, what would you do about it?

Q3 response:

I have mixed feelings as I think the changing weather patterns are so unpredictable that a quick response is going to be necessary more times than not .

4. Will you urge Parks Canada to release dam safety reviews as they are completed and urge the federal government ensure public safety by immediately investing in dam repairs and maintenance so as to remove the deferred maintenance deficit and bring the dam infrastructure up to at least a 'good' or 'fair' state of repair?

Q4 response

Since I have a personnel history with this problem (my brother who was a lock master was drowned off a dam) safety is paramount. It is easy to be lax when you think you are far from supervision and the lack of repairs put all people at risk in the event of a failure, especially in spring.

5. Actions have been taken by Haliburton County and some of its municipalities to improve communications during flood events. What further actions are needed – for example to raise awareness of municipal Flood Emergency Preparedness Plans and to communicate other water management issues such as during times of low water?

Q5 response:

Our new web site which is going to be launched on Friday is going to give us a much quicker tool. The associations should also be notified as we get reports . Again

changing weather patterns make certain areas a high risk while their neighbours may be seeing little rain. Feed in from people who are on these lakes can give much more specific information than a broad statement which may not apply, or be too little too late. I feel that people who come to their cottages late in the spring have a responsibility to be able to track these events and therefore hopefully mitigate some of these problems. Again our website should be much more useful. We use the buddy plan here. We contact the people we know who are in jeopardy and suggest they visit sooner than later. Often conditions in Toronto or Hamilton aren't such that they feel their cottages might be in jeopardy.

6. Do you agree that municipal government should work with local lake associations to facilitate improvements to water management operations and structures on reservoir and flow-through lakes as exemplified by the following list:

Q6 response:

I agree municipal gov's should work with lakes associations however to be specific, I don't have enough knowledge concerning specific dams.