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June 5, 2020

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

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Re: Request of Support - Great Lakes Water Level

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Township of Tay at its meeting of May 27, 2020 supported Councillor Norris's request that the municipality endorse a resolution seeking the Government to intervene to better manage and control the water levels of Lake Huron and Lake Michigan.

Following discussion, a motion was moved by Councillor Norris and seconded by Councillor Raymond recommending the following to Council for consideration:

Whereas The Township of Tay borders the southeastern shores of Georgian Bay on the Great Lakes of Lake Huron and Lake Michigan Basin;

And whereas the volume and height of Lake Huron and Lake Michigan Basin has set unprecedented lows and highs from 2012 to 2020 of over 6 feet;

And whereas the high water is causing significant shoreline erosion, flooding areas, extensive property damage to personal and municipal infrastructure and further impacting wetlands, ecosystems and fish habitats;

Now therefore, the Township of Tay seeks the Ontario Provincial Government and the Government of Canada to intervene with the International Joint Commission to better manage and control the lake levels as set out within the IJC Mission Statement;

*And further that the IJC take immediate action to lower the level of the lakes to within a manageable average mean of each Great Lake And further that this Resolution be forwarded to the approximately 50 municipalities and 25 Indigenous communities that border Lake Huron and The Association of Municipalities of Ontario for support. **Carried.***

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On behalf of Council, your consideration for support of the above resolution would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "TED Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Ted Walker,
Mayor

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