



The Corporation of the
Town of Cobourg

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Council Date:

July 2, 2019

WHEREAS at the Committee of the Whole on June 24, 2019, Council considered a presentation from Sarah Delicate, Spokesperson, United Shoreline Ontario (USO); and

WHEREAS the International Joint Commission (IJC) approved Plan 2014, a Plan to regulate water levels and flows in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River to protect against extreme water levels, to restore wetlands and to prepare for climate change, has had deleterious effects on the shorelines of the Town of Cobourg and other municipalities surrounding Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS Plan 2014 proposed that average annual coastal damages on the Lake Ontario shoreline would be approximately \$46 million under natural conditions, and approximately \$20 million under Plan 2014; and

WHEREAS in 2019 Lake Ontario has exceeded the record daily peak of 75.88 m which was experienced from May 25 to May 28, 2017 and that peak was 82 cm above average for this time of year; and

WHEREAS the water level is expected to continue to rise due to record high water levels in the other Great Lakes that drain into Lake Ontario, reaching its peak within 1-3 weeks; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg requests that the Federal and Provincial Governments conduct a formal investigation into the flooding events of 2017 and 2019 in affected communities along the Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, specifically the economic impacts and damage to infrastructure; and

FURTHER THAT the International Joint Commission (IJC) approved Plan 2014 be evaluated and measured for effectiveness and verifiable impacts by the Federal and Provincial Governments; and

FURTHER THAT the provincial and federal governments strike a Committee to review mitigation and safety plans for the communities fronting the Great Lake and the St. Lawrence Seaway; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality advocate that our Federal Partners work with the IJC to develop a new flood plans that better protects the interests of Municipalities, Emergency procedures and Riparian's; and

FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor to engage with government and non-government organizations and agencies involved with Lake Ontario flood mitigation; and

FURTHER THAT the IJC, as required by the Boundary Water Treaty, protect and indemnify the Town of Cobourg and the Town's shoreline residents and business owners from all damages resulting from Plan 2014; and

FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Kim Rudd, MP, Northumberland-Peterborough South, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable David Piccini, MPP, Northumberland-Peterborough South, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of New York State, the Great Lakes International Joint Commission (IJC), and to all other Ontario municipalities surrounding Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).