



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

March 23, 2022

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
Department of Finance Canada  
House of Commons  
Parliament Buildings  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5

VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Minister Steven Guilbeault  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

**RE: Resolution: 2022.03.09-CR-03  
Federal Funding for the Lake Simcoe Restoration Fund**

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Freeland and Minister Guilbeault,

Please find below the resolution passed on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by Town of Innisfil Council.

Whereas Lake Simcoe is one of Ontario's largest watersheds, home to First Nations since time immemorial, and situated in the growing communities of Simcoe County, York Region, Durham Region, and the cities of Barrie and Orillia; and

Whereas the watershed faces threats due to eutrophication, largely from phosphorus runoff and other contaminants into the lake and its tributaries; and

Whereas the lake is a significant source of drinking water, as well as being integral for local recreation, tourism, agriculture and other key economic drivers; and

Whereas, further to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's mandate letter dated December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, which directs the Minister to "...establish a Canada Water Agency and implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including a historic investment to provide funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe..."

Therefore hereby be it resolved that the Town of Innisfil,

1. Supports federal funding for a Lake Simcoe Restoration Fund that represents a significant percentage of the overall Freshwater Action Plan Fund, with funding in excess of previous commitments, beginning in the 2022 budget:
2. Asks that such funding be considered to undertake:
  - Shoreline mitigation and restoration, including in the tributaries of the Holland River, Maskinonge River, Black River, Pefferlaw River and the Holland Marsh;
  - Projects to improve contaminated sites within the watershed;
  - Upgrades to help retrofit municipal infrastructure such as wastewater and stormwater facilities;
  - Planting of approximately 250,000 trees within the watershed along with the purchasing and conservation of more forests and wetlands under the auspices of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), to help make significant progress towards the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan goal of 40% of the watershed area being protected; and
3. That a copy of this resolution, along with a letter from the Mayor, be sent to the federal Minister of Finance; the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change; the President of the Treasury Board; the Members of Parliament for York—Simcoe, Newmarket—Aurora, Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte, Barrie—Innisfil, Simcoe North, Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock, and Durham; and to all Lake Simcoe-region municipalities and the LSRCA, with a request for their endorsement.

Further to the above request, Innisfil Council respectfully requests the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change receive and review the above recommendation.

Sincerely



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John Brassard, Barrie-Innisfil MP  
Adam Chambers, Simcoe-North MP  
Jamie Schmale, Haliburton-Kawartha Lake-Brock MP  
Erin O'Toole, Durham MP  
Rob Baldwin, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority  
City of Barrie  
City of Kawartha Lakes  
City of Orillia  
County of Simcoe  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
Regional Municipality of York  
Town of Aurora  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury  
Town of East Gwillimbury  
Town of Georgina  
Town of Newmarket  
Town of New Tecumseth  
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
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