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Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister  
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Honourable Freeland,

**RE: KING: NOTICE OF MOTION  
- LAKE SIMCOE CLEANUP FUND RESOLUTION**

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At its meeting of April 11, 2022, Council of the Corporation of the Township of King received and supported a Resolution with respect to supporting a Federal Lake Simcoe Cleanup (Restoration) Fund.

Council of the Township of King formally requests that the Federal Ministry of Finance endorse and support the following Resolution:

**"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;

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

**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;

**WHEREAS** the previous federal government funded a "Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund" of \$65 million over 10 years between 2007-2017, but that fund has not been renewed;

**WHEREAS** during the 2019 federal election, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland committed \$40 million over 5 years towards Lake Simcoe;

**AND WHEREAS** during the 2021 federal election, the Liberal Party of Canada committed to "Implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including an historic investment of \$1 billion over 10 years. This plan will provide essential funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe...";

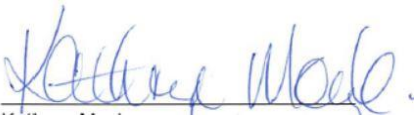
**AND WHEREAS** the Conservative Party of Canada also committed to re-funding the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund in the 2019 and 2021 general elections with an investment of \$30 million over five years;

**AND FURTHER** to the Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's mandate letter, 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..."

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Corporation of the Township of King:

- 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 used to undertake:
  - A) Shoreline mitigation and restoration, including in the tributaries of the Holland River, Maskinonge River and Black River, and in the Holland Marsh,
  - B) Projects to ameliorate contaminated sites in the watershed,
  - C) Upgrades to help retrofit municipal infrastructure such as wastewater and stormwater facilities to decrease total current discharges from existing facilities,
  - D) Planting of 250,000 trees in the watershed, and purchasing and conservation of more forests and wetlands under the auspices of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), to make significant progress towards the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan goal of 40% of the watershed area being protected natural land; and
- 3) That a copy of this Resolution, be sent to the Federal Minister of Finance; the Federal 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; to all Lake Simcoe Region Municipalities; and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), with a request for their endorsement."

Yours truly,



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