



Coalition for  
Equitable  
Water Flow

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Sent electronically

Barry Devolin  
MP-Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Brock; and  
Co-chair Trent-Severn Caucus

Dear Barry:

On behalf of the Advisory Committee of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow I want to congratulate you on your re-election as MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

We hope that your outstanding success at the polls will also be seen as strong public endorsement for your efforts in support of the recommendations of the Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway and your vision in responding to their Report by creating the Trent-Severn Caucus.

As you know we have been greatly encouraged that you have identified Recommendation #11, the creation and funding of an Independent Water Management Agency to assume responsibility for managing water storage, flows, allocation and use in the Trent and Severn watersheds as the key recommendation.

Following the election we hope that you will agree that the upcoming Speech from the Throne might present an ideal opportunity for the government to state its intent to work to implement the Report's key recommendations.

In particular, given these difficult economic times, we would suggest that a commitment for the government to invest in bringing the physical infrastructure of the Trent-Severn Waterway up to the necessary standard to ensure public safety would be well-received by your constituents. A few days ago, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty pledged to speed up infrastructure spending in order to boost economic growth. In this regard, the Panel's Recommendation #25 which proposes an annual allocation of \$21 million for infrastructure maintenance, repair and replacement may provide a sound basis for prompt government action.

Sincerely,  
THE COALITION FOR EQUITABLE WATER FLOW – HALIBURTON SECTOR, TSW

Chris Riddle, Vice-Chair  
*on behalf of Bonnie Fleischaker, Chair and  
Members of the CEWF Advisory Committee.*

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