



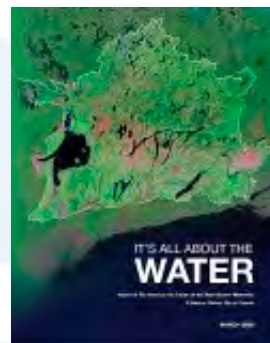
Spring 2010 NewsLetter.

CEWF Designate on New TSW Advisory Council.

In September 2009 the federal government responded to the recommendations of the Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway and announced the establishment of an advisory committee to engage users in the review of water management policies and provide advice for a balanced approach.

Although this approach falls short of the Panel recommendation for an Independent Water Management Agency (IWMA), we were pleased that CEWF co-chair Dr. Chris Riddle was appointed to the Council in December 2009 (see insert box for a list of Members).

In addition to Chris Riddle, the Haliburton sector of the TSW is represented by Keith Hodgson of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association.



The mandate of the Council is to provide expert and stakeholder advice on how Parks Canada can best carry out its responsibilities for water management throughout the Trent and Severn River watersheds to achieve an appropriate balance among its water management goals.

The Panel on the Future of the TSW anticipated that an IWMA would assume responsibility for managing water storage, flows, allocation and use in the Trent and Severn watersheds. Parks Canada believes that the Advisory Council can focus on essentially these same issues while leaving water management in the hands of Trent Severn Waterway management.

Certainly CEWF is impressed with the overall membership of the Advisory Council and intends to be an active participant. An inaugural meeting was held on March 9, 2010.

On March 2, 2010 Parks Canada awarded a TSW Water Management Study contract for just over \$500,000 to Aecom Inc., a Los Angeles-based engineering, design, and environmental planning company with offices throughout Ontario. This infrastructure project is due to be completed by March 2011 and the Advisory Council will be sure to interact with Aecom during their Study period.

In order to ensure that CEWF continues to represent the interests of its members, we are asking for updates from individuals and lake associations on current issues of concern (see below).

TSW Water Management Advisory Council

Interim Chair

Ken Pipher, President Whatever Solutions & Media Inc.

Community Members

Bill Lawrence, Severn River Assoc. of Property Owners

Chris Riddle, Coalition for Equitable Water Flow

Robert Allen, Shaman Power

John Gullick, Canadian Power and Sail Squadron

Allan Appleby, Independent Consultant

Allan J. Heritage, Voices of the Trent

Keith Hodgson, Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Assoc..

TBA, First Nations representation

Government-Based Organization Members

Rob Messervey, Kawartha Conservation Authority

Monique Rolf von den Baumen-Clark, MNR

Gail Faveri, Environment Canada

Jack Alexander, TSW Director of Operations (ex-officio)

Dave Ness, TSW Water Management Engineer

CEWF Communications and Website.

The CEWF website at www.cewf.ca continues to serve as our primary membership and external communications tool. We have been on-line now for the last year and a half, and are at 10,000 page views and growing strong.

As we approach another busy summer season, be sure to stay informed about activities on the TSW system and throughout the watershed by checking the website regularly. Note that you can choose to be advised via web-feed and/or email when there is a new posting on the site – many people have signed up for this service and are being automatically notified when we have news for our members.

Comments and suggestions on the website and its content are always welcomed – just send an email to cewfchair@yahoo.ca for the attention of Martin Rist!

Recent Website Updates

For those who have not been checking the website over the winter months, have a look now to catch up. You'll see, for example, that The Haliburton County Voice carried a good multi-week series of articles on the TSW last fall, including some heated debates between concerned citizens and our elected officials.

As well, you'll see a recent background paper on using the concept of a Water Budget to aid in managing the TSW (look under 'Position Papers').

Water Level Updates

The CEWF website contains a link to the TSW site where daily updates to water level information is provided. You can monitor the water-level status of your own lake during the spring-thaw season. On our website, just look under 'TSW Water Levels', and click on 'Parks Canada'. Don't be caught unaware!

Share Your Stories!

The Coalition is a member-led organization – and we want to hear from our members. Write down and email us with your water-management, water-level or other TSW issues and concerns as you see them. We value short descriptions of local impacts resulting from the TSW water management regime - illustrative photos are especially welcome. Let us know if you experience unexpected and unmarked navigation hazards, flooded/eroded shorelines, stranded docks and boats. We'll share these personal stories with all members via our website.

Providing us with this type of information will help ensure that the Coalition continues to focus on the highest priority areas that matter most to our members. It will also help us raise the profile and level of understanding of your issues.



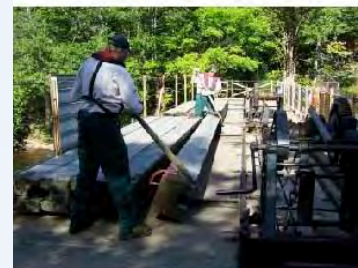
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are still available.
Contact CEWF to obtain
a supply for your lake
association

Other News In Brief.

County Official Plan

On February 17, 2010 Haliburton County adopted the Official Plan amendments that were the subject of public discussion during 2009. The full text is available at www.haliburtoncounty.ca. CEWF participated in the consultation process and is pleased to note references to implementing the Report of the Panel on the TSW as well as more general statements about protection of the natural environment, watershed management and fluctuating water levels.

TSW Web-site

Don't forget to visit the TSW web-site for water level information, updated daily throughout the season. As mentioned above, you can either access the TSW via www.cewf.ca or go directly to http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/ne-wl/trent_e.asp and click on the sub-watershed of interest, followed by the red dot that corresponds to the dam on the lake of interest. During the spring thaw it can be helpful to monitor lake levels compared with the 'historic high' as shown on the TSW graphs.

Voices Issue Statement

In January 2010, CEWF was pleased to see a statement released by Voices for the TSW, a Kawartha Lakes group, stressing that their top priorities for the TSW include the need to "improve water conservation throughout the system, while respecting the historic navigation water levels in the reservoir, flow-through or canal lakes." It is encouraging to see the Voices adopting approaches that are aligned with the Panel report and CEWF's position.

Navigable Waters Protection Act Update

A 'Common Law' public right of navigation exists in Canada. This right can only be restricted by an Act of Parliament. In 2009 the federal government included changes to the Navigable Waters Protection Act in the federal budget document. The resulting outrage at this abuse of parliamentary procedure resulted in a number of positive changes being made to the proposed regulations. CEWF actively intervened in order to raise concerns related to navigation rights for water-access only properties which were being threatened.

Meetings with Trent-Severn Caucus members Barry Devolin and Rick Johnson

In November 2009, CEWF held separate meetings with MP Barry Devolin and MPP Rick Johnson. Among other topics discussed was the need to see some action from the Trent-Severn Caucus especially as their mandate relates to the Memorandum of Understanding that the federal government wants to establish with Ontario before Spring of 2010. CEWF understands that meetings have taken place between Parks Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the MOU but its scope remains unclear.

Gravel Pit near Norland

Kawartha Lakes Council is considering a re-zoning request in order to allow a new gravel pit to operate near Norland. Water usage as well as hours of operation are two of the issues causing concern.

Water Diversion to Kawartha Downs

Susanne Lauten, the local Green Party candidate has been in contact with CEWF on a number of issues recently, including a Kawartha Downs development project that includes diversion of artesian water from the Oak Ridges Moraine. Susanne believes that opposition to the water diversion may cause the developers to look to the Trent watershed for a replacement.

Centre for Sustainable Watersheds

Parks Canada is supporting the development of a Rideau Regional Profile as part of the "Water Connections" web portal <http://www.waterconnect.ca/>. No word as yet on a Trent Region profile.

Membership and Budget Updates.

Fees Due for 2010

While membership in the Coalition by lake associations is voluntary, a large majority of Reservoir and Flow-Through (RAFT) lake associations are CEWF members. Individual lake association representatives recently received requests from CEWF for a modest contribution to maintain membership during our 2010 Budget year. The recommended annual Membership fee is set at 50 cents per lake association member up to a maximum of \$500. It is hoped that this amount will replenish CEWF's reserves and enable the CEWF Advisory Committee to be prepared for any substantial ongoing expenses. It remains our intent that any unused funds will be returned to the lake associations in a fair and proportionate manner when the CEWF work is complete.

Private contributions from individuals and other non-member organizations are also welcome.

All contributions should be forwarded to Roger Cunningham, the CEWF Secretary/Treasurer at: 75 Lascelles Blvd. Toronto, ON, M5P 2E3.

Roger may also be contacted roger.cunningham@sympatico.ca

Member Input Requested

In addition to the personal stories we want to post on the CEWF website (see page 2) the CEWF Advisory Committee welcomes input from our members on any matter that will help us set Coalition priorities and reflect the concerns of member lake associations. So please write or email (preferred) any member of the CEWF Advisory Committee (contact information provided on page 5).

Let us know of any specific issues for your lake that are not being addressed. Comments on any matters reported in this newsletter are also most welcome. Thanks for taking the time, it is most appreciated.

Member Involvement

The CEWF Advisory Committee continues to be active with regular monthly meetings, and attendance at various conferences, and communications with a wide variety of influential people to assist in furthering our objectives.

We are always interested in securing additional volunteer resources. If you are interested in helping out or in joining the CEWF Advisory Committee, please get in contact with one of our co-chairs, Chris Riddle (Kennisis Lake) or Martin Rist (Drag Lake).

Upcoming Events

A 2010 General Meeting of CEWF member lake association Representatives is being planned for sometime in July or August this summer. Details of the date, location and agenda will be posted on the website and forwarded to individual representatives sometime this spring.

Your CEWF Advisory Committee Members

Chris Riddle, Co-chair	Kennisis Lake TSW liaison
Martin Rist, Co-chair	Drag Lake Website/Communications
Roger Cunningham, Sec/Treasurer	White Lake Member liaison
Ted Spence	Catchacoma Lake FOCA liaison
Stephen Foster	Loon Lake At large
Bill Cornfield	Horseshoe Lake Source Water Protection liaison
Carole Russell	Halls/Hawk Lakes At large
Bonnie Fleischaker	Founding Chair

CEWF Mission and Objectives.

Mission

The Coalition is seeking the implementation of an equitable water management policy for the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) that accords equal consideration, along with fair and just treatment, to everyone in the entire Trent River Watershed. Reservoir and Flow-Through (RAFT) lake communities should be considered equally with all other TSW communities where the policy applies to safe navigation, access to waterfront property, economic sustainability and the avoidance of negative environmental and economic impacts.

CEWF Objectives

In light of the government's response of September 25, 2009 to the recommendations contained in the March 2008 Report of the Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway entitled "It's All About the Water", CEWF has the following immediate Objectives:

1. Continuing to promote an integrated approach to watershed management that will improve water conservation throughout the Trent-Severn system without jeopardizing water levels in either the RAFT lakes or the canal lakes; and
2. Continuing to promote approaches to ensure safe navigation, access to waterfront property, economic sustainability and the avoidance of negative environmental and economic impacts for residents on the RAFT lakes.

CEWF will achieve these objectives through measures such as:

- A. Participation on the Water Management Program Advisory Council established by Parks Canada for the TSW; and
- B. Engagement of the Ontario government to ensure that a watershed-wide water management approach is taken in discussion of jurisdictional and other matters with Parks Canada;

Contact Information

CEWF is a volunteer organization with no paid staff. Contact is best made via our website and through e-mail to the CEWF-chair or to the CEWF Treasurer as appropriate.

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General e-mail: cewfchair@yahoo.ca

Treasurer e-mail: roger.cunningham@sympatico.ca

Mailing addresses: Membership and Fees:

CEWF Secretary/Treasurer: 75 Lascelles Blvd. Toronto, ON, M5P 2E3.

General Correspondence:

2280 Wilkinson Road, RR#1, Haliburton, ON KOM 1S0

Photo Gallery.

Dam Upgrades: Thanks to Dave Ness, Water Control Engineer, Trent Severn Waterway for providing these images of the 2009 installation of the Hawk Lake water-monitoring gauge. This is one of a number of infrastructure enhancements underway by TSW; including the the replacement of all stop-logs in the Haliburton sector dams.



Dry Spring? Environment Canada has reported that winter 2009/2010 was the warmest and driest on record ... and they are predicting a drier than normal spring for Southern Ontario. This means that the TSW will need to be especially diligent during the spring freshet in order to bring the reservoir lakes to capacity. Snow surveys are one tool used by TSW in this regard.

Snow Surveys

Snow survey sites are laid out throughout the watershed to better anticipate the magnitude of spring melt water.



Sampling tube is forced into the snow pack to measure depth



Sampling tube is weighed to determine moisture content