

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA
AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT
FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PARKS CANADA AGENCY
("CANADA")**

AND

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO
AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES
("ONTARIO")**

RESPECTING

**ENHANCED COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION IN THE FUTURE
MANAGEMENT OF THE TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY AND ITS
WATERSHEDS**

WHEREAS Trent-Severn Watersheds comprise a significant area in the Province of Ontario with rich natural, ecological, cultural, economic and recreational values, including the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site of Canada;

WHEREAS on April 28, 2008, the Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway submitted its report to Canada's Minister of the Environment outlining 26 recommendations, a number of which call for greater federal-provincial collaboration and cooperation in the future management of the Trent-Severn Waterway and its Watersheds;

WHEREAS the Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway, through its consultations and recommendations, has identified the need of citizens for a consistent application of policies and plans and streamlined access to services and programs provided by the two governments;

WHEREAS in September 2009, the Minister of the Environment announced the Government of Canada's Action Plan for the renewal of the Trent-Severn Waterway in response to the Panel's report and recommendations, including its interest in developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of Ontario addressing areas of collaboration and coordination;

WHEREAS both Canada and Ontario have a range of jurisdictional and program interests within the Trent-Severn Waterway and its Watersheds and are committed to working together to improve public services and enhance natural

and cultural resource management to contribute to the ecological, social and economic sustainability of the region.

Now, therefore the Parties agree as follows:

1.0 Purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- 1.1 The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework between the Parties, including principles, priorities and a process for coordination and collaboration to enhance management of the waterway, its watersheds, and associated natural and cultural resources and improve the delivery of services to citizens.

2.0 Principles

- 2.1 The Parties share and endorse the following principles:

- Accountable, open governance, supported by a clear and widely-shared vision;
- Conservation and Management of natural and cultural resources through a precautionary, integrated, and adaptive approach;
- Respect for public safety, economic sustainability, environmental health, ecological sustainability and conservation of biodiversity in the management of the waterway and its watersheds; and
- Cultural resource management principles of value, public benefit, understanding, respect, and integrity.

3.0 Scope of Cooperation

- 3.1 The Parties agree to work cooperatively in areas of mutual interest, as outlined in Schedule A and illustrated graphically in Annex A.

4.0 Management and Implementation of the MOU

- 4.1 The Parties will establish and co-chair a Federal–Provincial Steering Committee to manage and guide the implementation of the MOU.
- 4.2 The Steering Committee will provide an opportunity to discuss areas of common interest and bring forward issues related to shared programs.
- 4.3 The Steering Committee will operate on the principles of:
- Equality between Parties;
 - Collaboration for the benefit of the parties, the public, and the waterway and its watersheds;

- Communication to ensure accountability and openness; and
- Cooperation to ensure efficient and effective services.

4.4 Canada and Ontario will each appoint three representatives to the Steering Committee, and each Party will appoint a co- chair from among its three appointees.

4.5 The Steering Committee will meet as required and provide an annual progress report to the signatory Ministers.

4.6 Canada will provide secretariat support for the Steering Committee.

5.0 Legal Effect

5.1 This MOU is an expression of the mutual intentions of the Parties and is not legally binding on them.

5.2 This MOU respects and does not vary the jurisdictional responsibilities of the Parties.

5.3 Existing financial authorities and responsibilities of the Parties are not affected or altered by this MOU.

6.0 Amendment and Term of Agreement

6.1 This MOU will be valid for five years from the date of the last signature, and may be extended as mutually agreed in writing by the Parties.

6.2 Either Party may determine that this MOU is no longer required and move to terminate the MOU by providing ninety (90) days' written notice to the other Party.

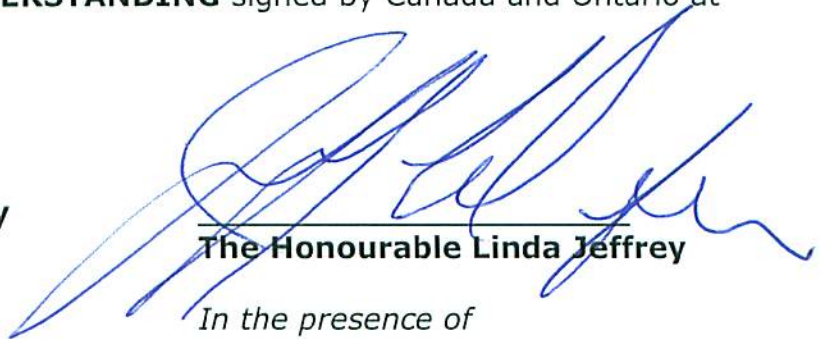
6.3 This MOU may be amended with the written consent of the Parties.

6.4 Schedule 'A' and Annex "A" may be revised at any time with the consent of both Parties.

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING signed by Canada and Ontario at _____ on July 14th, 2011.

FOR ONTARIO

The Honourable Linda Jeffrey
Minister of Natural Resources



The Honourable Linda Jeffrey
In the presence of




Witness

FOR CANADA:

The Honourable Peter Kent
Minister of the Environment



The Honourable Peter Kent
In the presence of



Witness



SCHEDULE “A”

PARTIES’ PRIORITIES

Clarification of Jurisdictional Responsibilities

Clarification of jurisdictional responsibilities provides a foundation for streamlined regulatory regimes, effective delivery of services and programs, and clarity for the public in accessing government services. The Parties will work together to clarify and better define jurisdictional responsibilities.

Harmonizing Permitting and Procedures

When Canada and Ontario have related jurisdictional responsibilities to manage the use of the resources of the Trent-Severn Waterway and its Watersheds, action will be taken to establish clear and harmonized permitting processes.

Coordinated Tourism Development and Marketing

The Parties will provide leadership within a multi-stakeholder process to develop a collaborative tourism strategy for the Trent-Severn Waterway and its Watersheds, taking into account the Ontario Tourism Strategy, Parks Canada’s tourism marketing initiatives and local tourism promotion and marketing strategies.

Waterway and Watershed-wide Collaborative Planning

The Parties agree to provide leadership to advance initiatives that contribute to good communication and collaboration in matters such as planning, conservation and economic development in the watersheds. Key initiatives include a Planners’ Forum, the Leaders in the Landscape Program to contribute to protection of Species at Risk, the creation of a Heritage Network and other measures to enhance clarity and consistency between policies and plans among jurisdictions and interests in the watersheds.

Water Management Advisory Council

Canada will establish and fund a Water Management Advisory Council to provide advice on water allocation and related matters. Ontario will participate as a member of the Water Management Advisory Council.

Trent Severn Waterway National Historic Site of Canada Management Planning Process

Consistent with the *Parks Canada Agency Act*, Canada will review the management plan for the Trent Severn Waterway National Historic Site of Canada and will seek the input and views of Ontario, interested stakeholders and the public as part of the management plan review process. The Ministry of Natural Resources will facilitate Ontario's input to the plan review process.

Renewable Energy

The Parties will continue to work together to enhance and sustain information sharing respecting renewable energy in the Trent-Severn Watersheds with a view towards building awareness of best practices, ensuring timely dissemination of information on innovative approaches to renewable energy generation and facilitating clearer lines of communication.

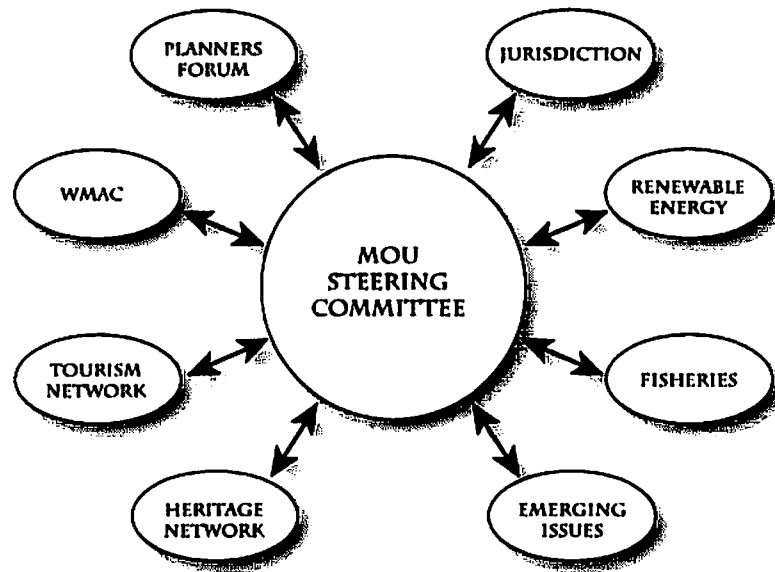
Leadership Forum

Canada will sponsor a Leadership Forum as a strategic venue for leaders in the Trent–Severn Waterway and its Watersheds to develop an overall shared vision on water management on a watershed basis, to consult on priorities and confirm commitment to collective action. Forum representation will consist of leaders from Aboriginal groups, municipalities, conservation authorities, and other stakeholder groups. Ontario will participate as a member to provide provincial perspectives on matters addressed by the Forum.

Annex A

**MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEES /
NETWORKS OF THE TSW
(WITH PROVINCIAL PARTICIPATION) ***

**BI-LATERAL WORKPLAN
POTENTIAL AD HOC WORKING GROUPS ***



** The nature of the work on this side is information sharing / ensuring provincial participation in issues beyond Committee / Network scope*

** The nature of the work on this side is defined by the Steering Committee and is tied to annual goals including information sharing and project definition.*