

SUBMISSION TO PANEL ON FUTURE OF
TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY

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We are residents with waterfront property on Lake Scugog. At present, we are concerned with the extremely low water levels and massive weed growth on the Lake. Sections of the channel between Lake Scugog and Lindsay are only 3 feet deep in some areas which are hazardous for navigation.

We wonder what message the TSW is trying to convey by allowing water levels to drop so drastically in the Lake. Are they hoping boat travel will be discouraged from Port Perry through Lindsay due to such shallow water levels? We feel this is an important part of the system as a starting point for boaters entering the TSW.

We feel the channels should be regularly maintained (fallen trees removed; shallow areas dredged; and weed management).

As boaters, we pay lock fees and mooring fees and we think that the installation of showers at the locks (even with a small fee) would make the price more worthwhile.

Boaters not needing overnight mooring should pay a fee when tying up at the locks taking space of paying boaters.