

**ANSTRUTHER LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSN INC**  
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Attn: TSW Panel

I am the Reeve of North Kawartha Township which includes the North Shore of Stony Lake to Burleigh Falls. I am also Past President of the Anstruther Lake Cottagers' Assn. Inc. which is one of the feeder lakes to the Trent Severn Waterway. Anstruther Lake has 260 Cottages, is in the middle of the new Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park. The cottagers have for many years been concerned with the fluctuating water levels and its affect on water activities and fish habitat, as this is a cold water trout lake.

My home is on the lake, which means that we can monitor the lake level and adjust docks and walkways, however this is not always the case and is a major problem for our weekend cottagers who arrive to find their docks and boats caught up and can lead to boating accidents, bent propellers and water lines that are out of the water.

The water is taken when needed all summer, but the major draw down is in September and October which I feel could negatively affect fish species spawning during that time of year. However in 2007 the water never was at Spring levels and the draw down to Sept and Oct. levels began in August.

It appears that we are in for more erratic weather patterns in the coming years and we have seen it during the 2006-2007 seasons, and we are concerned about the how regular spring levels are going to be maintained without the snow runoff. A management plan that can respond effectively and efficiently to these climate changes will be very important.

It appears that the boat traffic on the TSW is more important than the cottagers or fish habitat in the feeder lakes, and while we know that it is an important economic development tool, the lakes should be given some kind of notification that the water levels will be rising or being lowered.

**Recommendation: Closer scrutiny and communication.**

On a more positive note, why not look at the potential for more small scale, hydro electric generation to be developed alongside the dams as is proposed for the River below Lakefield. Everyone is looking for alternative sources of power, this could be easily realized and give the waterway a much needed source of revenue. The big bonus the closure of coal fired facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to address our concerns with you and good luck with your Panels work.

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