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The following submission is presented on behalf of a number of waterfront residents who reside along the area of Snug Harbour, namely those who live on Emerald St.

At the beginning our interest was stimulated by articles presented in the Lindsay Post. Further to that we as a very small group of interested people attended a TSW panel public meeting held at Fleming College on Aug. the 8th, 2007. Through the presentation of KPOW at that meeting we became aware of the tremendous amount of work that KPOW has been doing on behalf of the Kawartha residents namely at that time the special issue of the Omemee situation and in regards to the TSW panel the seven items of concern as related to the Trent Severn Authority. We very definitely share many of your concerns.

In addition we specifically feel that:

The crises over the dying CARP demonstrated the lack of leadership and total confusion as to who, if anybody, but local citizens were responsible for handling this situation. This is clearly an indication that a single **communicative** body should be responsible for the management of the waterway. We believe this should be a provincial responsibility as this waterway is a provincial resource.

The business of eliminating safety buoys from the waterway is a ludicrous notion. Apart from the obvious safety issues this compromises the accuracy of any navigational charts which we have purchased. It also opens the doorway to potential enormous lawsuits which would be a taxpayers burden.

The issues raised by the panel regarding the funding of the system raises a number of concerns in our minds. They are as follows:

We as waterfront residents pay premium **property** taxes. We receive no additional services for these taxes. Where is that premium going? Is it going to funding the system, yes or no?

A portion of every litre of gas sold is designated for road repair and maintenance. Should marine gas not have a portion benefitting the Trent System?

Any discussion that involves additional taxes to support the management of the Trent Canal is totally distasteful to us. The Federal Gov't. has surplus monies of which a portion could be directed towards these needs.

We understand that the Rideau Canal has been declared a World Heritage Site and as such receives additional funding and yet our Historic Heritage Site is left unaided by the present Federal Govt.

We believe that our local elected officials - Municipal, Provincial and Federal - should be challenged as to their position on these issues. We believe that these are important public concerns and should be addressed as part of their platforms.

It is our opinion that KPOW has a unique opportunity to raise the visibility of these issues during the election campaign and to elicit a definite position from these elected officials both current and successor.

We look forward to adding our support and voice to the KPOW organization.

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