



Trent-Severn Waterway

A Look to the Future

City of Kawartha Lakes

- 46.7 kilometers of the Trent-Severn Waterway runs through the City of Kawartha Lakes.
- There are 5 locks located in our municipality – Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Kirkfield and Rosedale.



- The City of Kawartha Lakes owns approximately 119 waterfront properties that are on the Trent-Severn Waterway.
- These range from parks, beaches and docks to drainage easements, vacant land, unopened road allowances etc.



- We have 4 water treatment plants directly on the Trent-Severn System - Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Southview Estates.
- Kinmount and Norland are not on the system but the dams in these areas are controlled by TSW.
- There are Water Pollution Control Plants in Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls.

- There are 36 resorts and accommodations and 24 marinas in the municipality along the Trent-Severn Waterway.
- There are also numerous other businesses and services that rely on the waterway including restaurants, entertainment and shopping.



Is the Waterway Important?

- YES! It is extremely important to the City of Kawartha Lakes
- Provides water supply to municipal water and wastewater systems as well as to private property owners
- Provides water-based and land-based recreational activities for both residents and visitors

- Significant to our Cultural Heritage and History (Kirkfield Liftlock, Bobcaygeon Swing Bridge, Fenelon Falls)
- Has impact on the local economy through flood control (cost avoidance) and through power generation and as a tourism attraction (revenue generation)



Future Vision

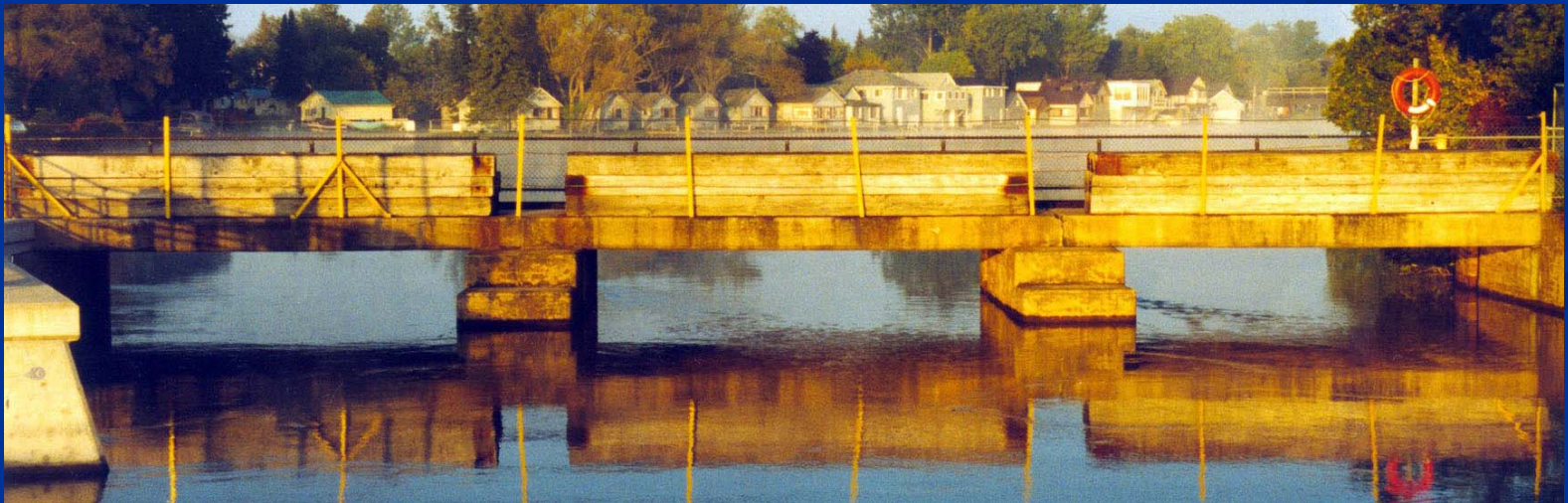
- The Trent-Severn Waterway should be recognized for the valuable treasure that it is
- It needs to be sustainable by balancing the natural environmental, water supply and quality needs, with opportunities for economic development and recreation.

- Initiatives need to be undertaken in conjunction and in consultation both locally and with the province.
- Opportunities for utilizing this incredible asset need to be maximized.
- Resources need to be invested and coordinated at the federal and provincial level to achieve sustainability for the waterway as well as for the adjacent communities.



Governance & Water Management

- Very complex with new provincial legislation surrounding water system management and source water protection, local Official Plans which vary across the waterway, Oak Ridges Moraine, and Places to Grow all have a potential impact on the Trent-Severn Waterway.



How can it be improved?

- Better communication is required with local communities
- Clarification of responsibilities between the province and the federal agencies and formalization of these roles needs to occur.
- Efforts at simplifying processes for development applications/permits need to occur
- Whatever governance model is determined, it needs to have local access and coordination of processes across all levels of government.

How can it be improved?

- Some examples of opportunities which might be explored include joint promotion and signage of the waterway; recognition and input into local Official Plans and Zoning By-Laws to support environmental concerns; simplification of other planning matters/permit processes which cross government jurisdictions.

Contributing to Sustainable Communities

- Tourism and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors help our community economically and could be built upon.
- Flood control is a 'cost avoidance' benefit to property owners yet communication and who is responsible for what needs to improve.
- Power generation revenue opportunities should be re-invested back into the waterway.

- There is a need for a comprehensive economic development strategy for the waterway.
- There needs to be greater investment by the Waterway in contributing to these opportunities and to partner with the local community.



Local Opportunities

- Participate in the City's Premier-ranked Tourism Destination Strategy process.
- Review and participate in the finalization of our Official Plan and Zoning By-laws which may assist in the addressing some of the issues, concerns and needs for shoreline development and environmental protection.

Opportunities

- Consider the development of programming and experiential tourism opportunities along the corridor – both water and land based.



Our Cultural Heritage

- The Trent-Severn Waterway is rich with history but isn't recognized for it.
- Need to consider more programming and events to educate and provide historical interpretations.
- Formal recognition of the waterway in its entirety as being provincially and nationally significant would be a good start.

- Provide assistance and information to local communities to help better understand, support, educate and promote the historic and cultural value of the waterway.
- There is a need to market and promote the waterway to the GTA, the province and the world

Natural Environment

- Clarification of responsibility is key to ensuring that responsible development and management of the resource occurs.
- The waterway deserves recognition in the Places to Grow Plan to acknowledge and manage growth desired along the waterway.

- Development restrictions need to be based upon scientific and objective data for inclusion in Official Plans and/or individual building lot development to ensure environmental sustainability of the waterway.



- The City, in consultation with local Conservation Authorities, is developing shoreline control policies within its new Official Plan and information from TSW is important.
- Examples such as the 'dead carp' issue provides a clear indication that the waterways are connected and rely on each other's health.
- Consideration of a larger entity to monitor, study and to provide guidance to all property owners is key .

Visitor Experiences

- The proximity to the GTA is a great opportunity.
- Recreational opportunities need to be considered, understood and planned.
- Parks Canada needs to better understand the reasons behind the decline in lock use and the type of land-based experiences which are occurring.

- There needs to be a comprehensive strategic planning exercise with a commitment to follow through on the anticipated necessary investment for promotion, programming and infrastructure.



Future Funding Frameworks

- Municipalities already have significant infrastructure challenges and the waterway goes beyond municipal jurisdiction.
- There needs to be greater resources available from the federal and provincial governments to deal with the infrastructure and other needs of the Trent-Severn Waterway.
- Revenue opportunities such as programming and perhaps power generation need to be explored.

- Revenues should be re-invested back into the local area to potentially leverage local funding support opportunities.
- Need to involve and engage the province and seek their recognition of the value of this resource to the province's economy.

Recommendations

- Improved Communication
- Clarification and streamlining of “Who does What” at the provincial and federal level
- More investment in strategic planning recognizing the Waterway’s potential role in water level and quality management, and as an economic driver in local communities
- Consideration for promoting and programming along the waterway
- Need for federal leadership and investment in this treasure

Next Steps

- We will continue to monitor the website for additional information
- The City will be submitting a formal written submission prior to September 30th with the endorsement of our Council
- We welcome all opportunities to keep the lines of communication open