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## The Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway.

cc: Tony Clement MP  
Norm Miller MPP

After reading the newspaper article in the Orillia Packet & Times July 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 "Panel begins consultation" page A4 by Brenda Wedley, (article sent separately) we have been very concerned. The dock-fee proposal for commercial dock owners on the Trent-Severn Waterway would be charged an annual 150.00 base rate, plus 1.18 per linear metre of dock space. This rate would be ramped up to 2.36 per metre over 5 years... This is ridiculous if the Trent-Severn is trying to promote the historic waterway. Many businesses including our own Bed & Breakfast will no longer be assisting boaters that are looking for services. We built our retirement home on 1994 and had no idea we would be opening a Bed & Breakfast in 2000. We decided it would be a great idea to run a B&B from our home. We get most of our business by car, but now we are getting boaters, who have a hard time finding accommodation at this end of the Trent waterway. Our docks are for our own use. We only get 3% of our business from the waterway so stopping our water access for boaters would be our only choice.

Tourism in Ontario is on a downward trend and it seems that the proposal defeats the purpose of promoting and marketing the waterway to tourists. There is a lack of proper signage for both the boaters and visitors by car at Lock 42 and other sites.

Please acknowledge that you have received this letter.

Thank you

Pat & Bob Durrant  
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