

# **Submission to the Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway**

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**Presentation by:**

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Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway  
185 King Street, Suite 100  
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Dear Panel Members:

**Re: Submission on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway**

Council of the Corporation of the Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey is pleased to make this submission to the Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW). The Trent-Severn Water System is of considerable importance to our Township.

The impact of the canal system itself and the reservoir lakes on our Township is apparent from the enclosed map. The Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey is experiencing remarkable growth – we are a destination of choice for people of all ages. The Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey is known as an area of beautiful lakes, rivers and streams and we enjoy a large number of seasonal residents and visitors.

As guardians of the Township we have to wear many hats – we are concerned about the natural environment, the economic health of our community, the services we provide and the lifestyle of our residents and visitors. The Trent-Severn Waterway impacts us in all of these areas and the health of the waterway itself is of critical importance to us. The following are some issues we wish the panel to take into consideration:

**1. Economic Impact**

The waterway has a profound impact on our local economy. Our lakes are home to many resorts and tourist businesses are a major employer in our area. The waterway brings many visitors to the Township who stop and enjoy our local businesses and do sightseeing.

The TSW has, because of its nature impacted the lakes and lake levels in our area. A large part of our tax base is derived from property taxes from waterfront homes and cottages. Property values are drastically impacted by waterfront access and the survival of the TSW.

**2. Water Levels in Reservoir Lakes and Trent River Basin**

Residents and businesses have located in this area to access the waterway and enjoy an active lifestyle. It is important that the water in the system is managed in a manner that

benefits both the reservoir lakes and the lakes in the river basin.

We suggest that the locks not be opened whenever a boat arrives, but rather on an hourly schedule to conserve valuable water in the reservoir lakes.

### **3. Health of Environment**

We feel very strongly that the aquatic health of system needs to be protected. This year we experienced a large die-off of carp, and this has raised many concerns about water quality. The carp die-off also had a noticeable impact on our tourism trade and visitors to the area. The environmental health of our lake systems must be protected and enhanced.

### **4. Importance of Maintaining Infrastructure**

Our Council has serious concerns about the condition of the dams and potential for flooding/drainage if they fail. We know the dams in our municipality (and throughout the County) are in need of repair and the safety of people and property is at risk. A dam failure will result in both drainage of the reservoir lake(s) and flooding of surrounding lands and property damage. The TSW needs to regularly inspect, maintain and upgrade the infrastructure to protect both the canal system itself and the adjacent property owners.

### **5. Communication**

The level of the water in the system has a major impact on our area. Significant and unanticipated changes in water levels can impact on people's ability to access their properties, their boats (which can end up stranded) and the physical environment. We suggest that the TSW consult with stakeholders and ensure that there are notification processes in place. Our livelihood, lifestyle and economy depend on the system and it is crucial that we have input on major decisions and are advised when changes are in the works. Everything is better managed when planning can take place.

Your panel is tasked with a very important and complex job. You need to consider the residents and businesses that rely on the system, aging infrastructure, the natural environment, competing interests and uses, and financial issues.

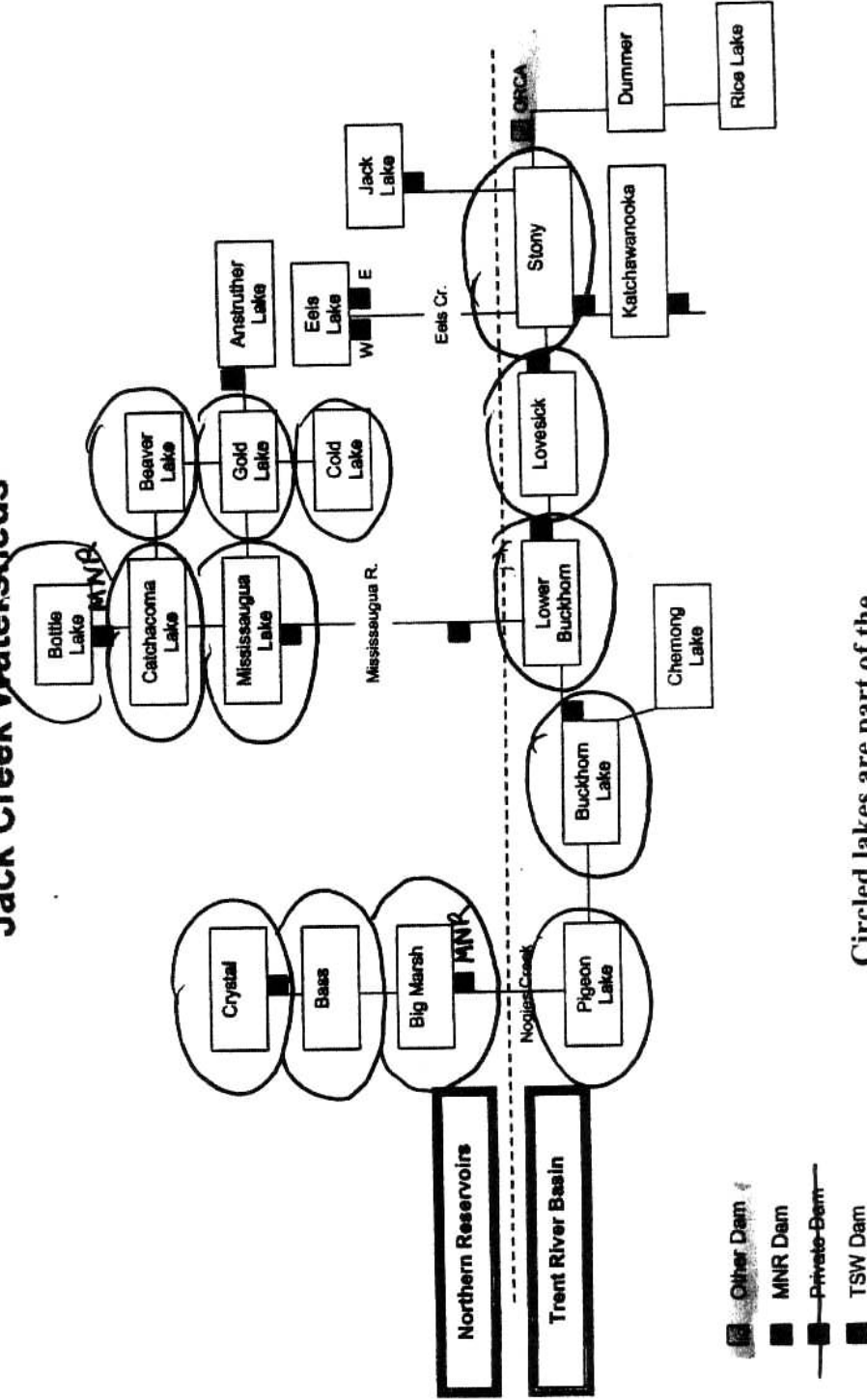
The importance of your panel's work to our Township cannot be overstated. We wish you well in your work and look forward to reading your recommendations to protect this valuable part of our past, present and our future.

Yours truly,

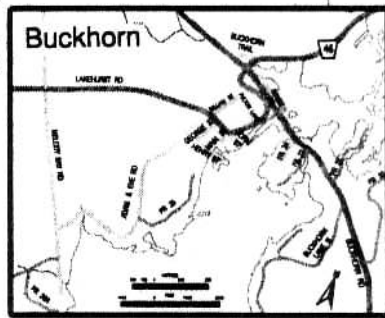
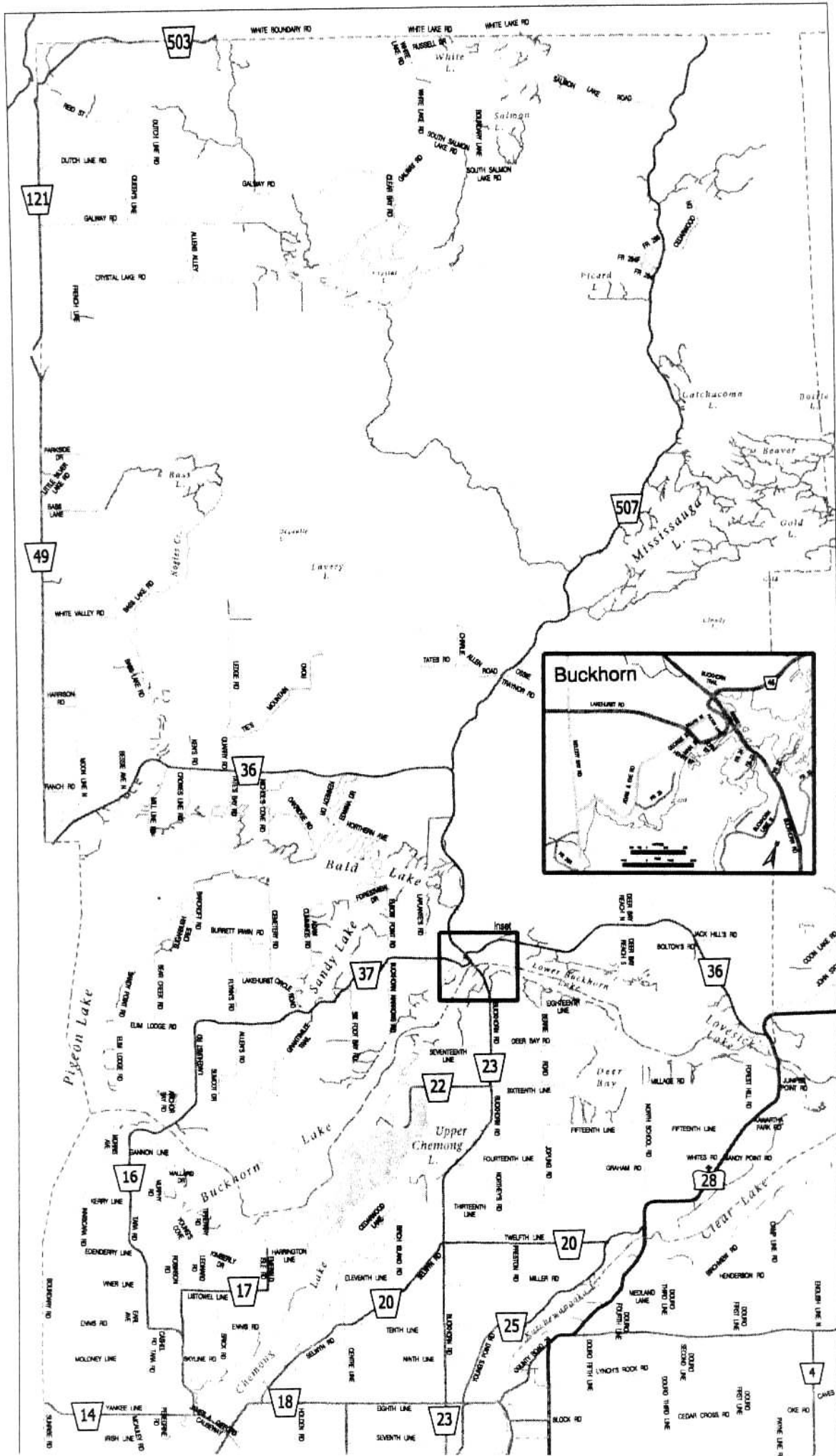


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## Nogies Creek, Mississauga River, Eels Creek & Jack Creek Watersheds



Circled lakes are part of the  
Township of  
Galway-Cavendish & Harvey



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