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Subject: Input for the panel!

Dear Members of the TSW Panel,

Thank you for taking time to hear about all the views of the citizens interested in the future of the TSW. I lived on the Otonabee river as a child and now live close by. Having attended one of the hearings, I am aware of how complex the needs of the system are. I am one of many in support of a significant economic investment to improve and repair the TSW. I would support a decision to modernize and enhance the system NOW.

I am writing specifically regarding the Trent Rapids Power Project near Trent University. As a citizen who values the lands and shoreline, I am very concerned about the design of this project. I strongly oppose the digging of the 1.3 km channel in order to divert water from one dam to the next. I am fully in support of green power and the best case scenario which would be to refurbish the existing structures and place turbines in the dams. This could be done where appropriate along the waterway to produce hydro electric power. Lands along the TSW need to be protected where they are close to (or within) an urban setting and already designated for recreational use by the public.

I am very hopeful that your review findings will be published before a decision is made to go ahead with the TRPC project and that a design which is truly environmentally friendly can be implemented.

With thanks for your time and your interest,

Sincerely,

Anne Morawetz