



June 12, 2013

HCM Council Members,

RE: OPG Water Level Management

As I am sure you are aware, the low water levels experienced this spring within our municipality has had an impact on residents, struggling businesses, and tourists alike. Residents could not enjoy water-based recreational activities, tourists were unable to use the municipal boat launches due to hazards, and local businesses continue to deal with lost customers due to the lack of dock facilities and poor fishing results.

During the OPG Stakeholders meeting held in Mattawa July 10, it was made very clear that OPG does not clearly appreciate the need for consistent water levels on the river, and in fact, questioned why we need consistent water levels.

Note this concern stems not only from the one-time effects of the 2013 spring freshet. The low water levels experienced after the spring freshet in June of 2011 showed a total disregard for the Ottawa River stakeholders in this community.

I respectfully request assistance from council to:

1. request that OPG furnish concrete studies of the river flows between Mattawa and the Des Joachim generating stations, and quantifiable evidence of the impact of downstream water levels on flows at the Klocks restriction, and
2. request that OPG continue to actively engage all stakeholders in this municipality toward finding a tenable solution to the current water level management concerns.

Any assistance in this matter would be much appreciated, or alternate suggestions most welcome.

Regards,

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