

Media Release

I want to first acknowledge and thank my Council for KHR, who from the beginning of this process were in full support in taking the lead on behalf of all stakeholders to pursue an amendment to the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan with the intention to limit severe flooding along the Bonnechere River Water System. It has been a long tedious process and we have worked hard to achieve this amendment.

I want to personally thank MPP John Yakabuski, without his strong support, we would never have achieved this amendment to the Bonnechere Water Management Plan, Laura Lapenskie from MPP John Yakabuski's office for her insight and guidance, Shawn Cameron of Renfrew Power Generation for his guidance, expertise and cooperation, Michelle Lavictoire of Bowfin Environmental Consulting for her expertise, and who have all diligently worked together as a team on behalf of the all the stakeholders to fulfill the requirements and conditions to satisfy the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO).

As stated, we have been working extremely hard on the stakeholder's behalf towards the ultimate end of getting a permanent amendment to the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan. To date our costs to achieve this amendment is approximately \$80,000.00. I want to also acknowledge the assistance and support from the Round Lake Property Owner Association and the Golden Lake Property Association for their generous donation of \$3,000.00 each and a \$5,000.00 donation from the Township of Bonnechere Valley and \$5,000.00 donation from the Township of North Algona/Wilberforce.

To date we have met all the conditions and requirements including mandatory monitoring and sign offs, and we are pleased to advise that all required reports, monitoring requirements have been met and our amendment to the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan is officially approved.

On behalf of all the stakeholders of the Bonnechere Water Management Plan we want to thank all those involved in this long process and partnership.

Mayor Janice Tiedje
Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards