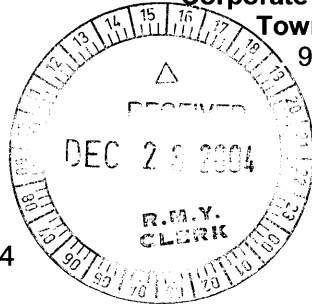




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December 14, 2004

Mr. Denis Kelly, Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4V9

Dear Mr. Kelly:

RE: Resolution R18-2004

I am writing to advise that the Town of Newmarket Council at the regular meeting held on Monday, December 13, 2004 adopted the above referenced resolution with respect to *The Wave, Healthy Yards, Healthy Waters Program*.

I attach a copy for your review.

The Council of the Town of Newmarket respectfully requests support for this resolution from the municipalities in the Lake Simcoe Watershed.

Yours sincerely,

Anita Moore
Town Clerk

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Town of Georgina
Township of King
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
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Moved by: Councillor Sponga

Seconded by: Councillor Ramsarran

RESOLUTION R18-2004

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe's annual phosphorus input is about 100 metric tonnes which is the equivalent of 10 full dump trucks – which is 70 tonnes more than its natural state, and that to regain the health of the lake this level must be reduced by 30 tonnes a year;

AND WHEREAS while rural and agricultural phosphorus sources are on the decrease and the phosphorus contribution from urban/suburban areas is on the rise, and that the phosphorus runoff from urban/suburban homes comes from many sources but none greater than from over watering and the use of yard fertilizers that contain phosphorus;

AND WHEREAS phosphorus is directly responsible for the eutrophication of Lake Simcoe by stimulating high concentrations of algae and weed growth which die and submerge affecting the underwater ecosystem by reducing the oxygen supply in the water and harming fish and wildlife;

AND WHEREAS the Lake Simcoe Watershed:

1. Has a total land and water surface area of 3,303 square kilometres.
2. Lake Simcoe itself occupies about 20 percent or 722 square kilometres.
3. The watershed is bordered by five major physiographical areas - Oak Ridges Moraine, Peterborough Drumlin Fields, uplands till plains, the Simcoe Lowlands and the Oro Moraine.
4. Five major tributaries account for more than 60 percent of the total drainage area.
5. The land portion of the watershed is drained by 35 tributary rivers.
6. The Maskinonge River in Keswick includes a drainage area of 66 square kilometres.
7. The lake and watershed generate annual revenue of \$200 million annually.

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket at a meeting held on November 22, 2004 received a notice of a motion regarding *The Wave Healthy Yards/ Healthy Waters* Program of the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition to assist people to reduce phosphorus run off from their yards.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

THAT the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket invites other municipalities within the Lake Simcoe Watershed to support and participate in *The Wave, Healthy Yards, Healthy Waters* Program;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the municipalities within the Lake Simcoe Watershed.

Mayor Tom Taylor