



Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

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John S. Burke
Deputy Minister
Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Deputy Minister Burke:

Re: Lake Simcoe Assimilative Capacity Study

Further to our recent discussions regarding the Lake Simcoe Assimilative Capacity Study (ACS) and Inter Governmental Action Plan (IGAP), I want to emphasise York Region's interest in any strategic discussions having to do with the Lake and the growth that impinges on it.

As you know a large portion (37%) of the Lake Simcoe drainage basin is in York Region. There is a significant amount of fully approved development lands in the Lake Simcoe Watershed. The Places to Grow Draft Plan calls for additional population and employment growth in York Region, some of which will occur in the Simcoe basin.

We also have a keen interest in the health and well being of Lake Simcoe. The Lake is an important part of our economy, our natural heritage and quality of life.

I am very concerned, however, that development approvals elsewhere in the Lake Simcoe Watershed may impose restrictions on York's planned growth.

Regional Council has already expressed its interest in being kept informed on the IGAP process. Obviously, we have a vested interest, for a variety of reasons, in any capacity assignment around the Lake.

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I feel that York Region has a key role to play in any discussions regarding growth management or environmental management around the Lake and trust that you will ensure that we are part of the overall decision making.

Sincerely

Original signed by

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Chief Administrative Officer

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