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Mr. Ken East
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Dear Ken:

On October 10, 2006 I met with John Mattinson of Orillia Power Corporation, Larry Doran, President and CEO of Peterborough Utilities, and Paul Norris of the Ontario Water Power Association.

I pass along for your consideration, the views of the renewable power community that has an interest in the Trent Severn Waterway, that Parks Canada be receptive to continued energy proposals in the coming year. I sense they are concerned that if Parks Canada embarks on a thorough evaluation of the TSW, as contemplated by my own Motion, that energy proposals may be put on hold.

I learned that the Province of Ontario currently offers incentives for the development of new renewable power capacity. But these offers have a deadline looming some 18 to 24 months from now.

I believe it is advisable that new renewable power proposals not be delayed by any action the Department may take in respect to the evaluation/review.

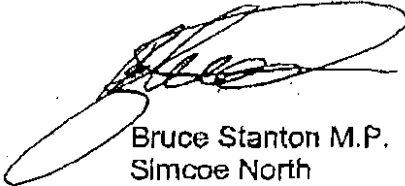
Secondly, they reminded me that the Ontario Water Power Association has access to quality data and models for water resource management on waterways similar in size and complexity to the TSW. As we consider the future for the waterway, it might be instructive to consider those models. I suspect this issue will be covered in the course of the review that may follow the adoption of Motion M-161. I pass this information along for your consideration in any case.

Finally, we discussed the issue of water resource (read water levels) management as being an almost impossible political football. Each group of shoreline residents will have their own interests to high-light and it will be difficult, if not impossible, to satisfy all stakeholders on this count. I am sure this information is not new to you.

The tools we may have to counter this contentious issue are; data on the "historic" water levels that assert the fluctuation reality, and the adoption of common best practices that have come to typify other similar waterways.

I look forward the review process ahead. Please contact me if you need any clarification on these issues.

Sincerely,



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