

November 30, 2021

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Dear Ministers:

For your information and records, at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2021 the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

WHEREAS the Holland Marsh Polder Phosphorus Recycling Facility is a proposed \$40-million capital project by York Region; and

WHEREAS the Facility will reduce phosphorous runoff into the Holland River and Lake Simcoe by up to 40% and thereby protect the Lake's watershed from algae growth, resulting in better protection for the region's aquatic habitats, increased ecosystem biodiversity and protection of drinking water sources; and

WHEREAS the federal government has announced funding of up to \$16 million for the Facility and York Region has identified funding of up to \$25 million as part of their broader Upper York Sewage Solutions Project; and

WHEREAS further to the June announcement and introduction of the York Region Wastewater Act by the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, which, if passed, would put on hold the Environmental Assessment application for the Upper York Sewage Solutions Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury respectfully request York Region, the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to work collaboratively to move the Holland Marsh Polder Phosphorous Recycling Facility forward notwithstanding the "paused" status of the broader Upper York Sewage Solutions Project, including undertaking an Environmental Assessment for the Phosphorous Reduction Facility commencing in 2021; and

THAT Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority including all MPPs, MPs and municipalities within the Lake Simcoe Watershed.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



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