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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of the Province of Ontario
By email: doug.ford@pc.ola.org and premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable John Yakabuski
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
By email: john.yakabuski@pc.ola.org

Regarding: Muskoka River Water Management Plan

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Yakabuski;

I am writing on behalf of the Lake of Bays Association to request that the Association be a party to the recently announced *Internal Task Force* that will consult with municipal partners and other stakeholders on ways to improve the province's resilience to flooding.

Representing 1200 families on Lake of Bays, the second largest lake in the District of Muskoka, the mission of the Association is to promote, sustain and enhance a clean and healthy natural environment.

As you are undoubtedly aware, our community and others were badly affected by Spring floods this and previous years. We request that part of the work of the *Task Force* be to complete a full review of the Muskoka River Water Management Plan so that it may accurately address Ontario's changing climate and the associated impacts on municipal and personal property and other environment impacts. Being upstream and to the east of Bracebridge, means that flooding issues for Lake of Bays are different than lakes to the south and therefore it is vital that the Lake of Bays Association be represented in this review.

We look forward to a constructive process that strives to balance the needs of all stakeholders in the Muskoka River Water Management Plan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Ann Peden". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mary Ann Peden, President

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