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Honourable Chris Ballard
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
Ferguson Block 11th Floor
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Re: Cladophora Growth - Whitby Waterfront

Please be advised that at a meeting held on April 16, 2018 the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution #124-18:

Whereas nuisance growth of cladophora along the nearshore destroys fish habitat and deprives residents and visitors of the use and enjoyment of the waterfront and beaches;

And whereas the Regions of Durham and York have commissioned an Environmental Assessment to address the outfall capacity limitations of the Duffin Creek WPCP;

And whereas the waterfront of Whitby is an invaluable asset and assuring its cleanliness is essential to the well-being of our residents and future prosperity of our Town;

And whereas the waterfront of Whitby deserves respect, regard and protection consistent with the latest and ongoing provincial, federal and international research and strategies to investigate and reduce algae blooms in Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Minister of Environment and Climate Change be advised of the strong concern of the Council of the Town of Whitby has about the negative social, recreational and economic impacts that would result from nuisance Cladophora on its waterfront;
2. That the Minister of Environment and Climate Change be requested to adopt a science-based approach to this matter ensuring that nutrients from all sources impacting the water quality of Lake Ontario are reduced in an appropriate and sustainable manner; and,

3. That the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Durham Area Municipalities, the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York, and the Members of Provincial Parliament representing Durham and York Regions.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.



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