

Clarington

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May 23, 2018

Honourable Catherine McKenna
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
VIA Email: Catherine.McKenna@parl.gc.ca

Dear Minister:

Re: Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby, Regarding
Cladophora Growth – Whitby Waterfront

File Number: EM.04.01

At a meeting held on May 22, 2018, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-229-18:

That the following Town of Whitby resolution, regarding Cladophora Growth – Whitby Waterfront, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

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.

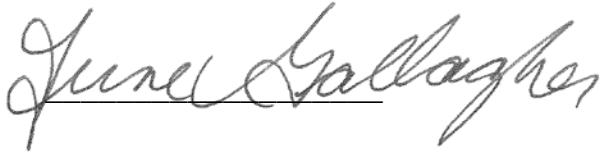
Now Therefore be it Resolved:

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;

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,

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

Yours truly,



June Gallagher, B.A.
Deputy Clerk

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- c. Christopher Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
Granville Anderson, MPP, Durham
Julia Munro, MPP, York-Simcoe
Chris Raynor, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of York