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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Council, at their meeting on December 4, 2013, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Federal Government is replacing the Navigable Waters Protection Act with the Navigation Protection Act which applies only to the 100 lakes and 61 rivers listed under the legislation; and

WHEREAS the Nottawasaga River, a key Southern Ontario waterway running through Dufferin, Grey and Simcoe Counties into Georgian Bay is not on that list; and

WHEREAS the Nottawasaga River is an important destination for anglers, outdoor adventure tours and the hospitality industry who all depend on the navigability of this river and the health of the fishery;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Essa requests that the Federal Government list the Nottawasaga River as a navigable river and that it be protected under the Navigation Protection Act and further, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Honourable Kelly Leitch, M.P., Jim Wilson, M.P.P., the County of Simcoe and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority requesting their support in this matter.

Council is very anxious to have the Nottawasaga River recognized again as a navigable waterway as it always has been.

Yours truly,

Bonnie Sander
Clerk

- c. Honourable Kelly Leitch, MP
Jim Wilson, MPP
Cal Patterson, Warden, County of Simcoe
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Aware Simcoe