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Ms. Lesley Flowers  
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Dear Ms. Flowers: *Lesley*

Re: Vermilion River Watershed Concerns

Thank you very much for your letter dated November 30, 2011 which was received by the Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) on December 7, 2011.

I have read your letter and note that you have outlined four main issues of concern. First, the blue-green algae bloom which was confirmed on a portion of the lower Vermilion River in early Fall. Second, the potential impacts on water quality from sewage treatment plant facilities located in different sub-watersheds which feed into the Vermilion River watershed. Third, the low water levels and flows in the Vermilion River and Junction Creek (McCharles Lake area) this past Summer. Fourth, how the issue of low water response is addressed and what agencies have responsibilities in that regard.

I have reviewed your issues of concern with Paul Sajatovic the NDCA's General Manager. It would be best to meet with you to discuss the issues you have raised as well as the complexities associated with water management in the Vermilion River watershed. Following our meeting, we would summarize our discussions in writing so that you might share them with the stewardship group. Please contact Paul at the NDCA office to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time in the near future.

You are, perhaps, aware that Linda Heron the Chair of the Vermilion River Stewardship group will be appearing before the NDCA General Board on January 19, 2012. You may want to attend with Linda. We welcome watershed residents to our meetings. We can provide up to 15 minutes for presentations followed by a question and answer period.

On behalf of the Nickel District Conservation Authority, I thank you for your submission. Let me assure you that as the stewards of our watersheds in Greater Sudbury, the NDCA takes its responsibilities very seriously. Lesley, we look forward to meeting with you very soon.

Yours truly,

*Bob Rogers*  
Bob Rogers,  
Chair.

cc. NDCA General Board Members

Ms. Linda Heron, Vermilion River Stewardship  
Paul Sajatovic, NDCA General Manager.