

# Vermilion River Stewardship



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Mayor Marianne Matichuk and City Council  
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**By Email:** [Mayor@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:Mayor@greatersudbury.ca)

Dear Mayor Matichuk and City Council:

**Re: Addendum to 21 March 2014 Letter  
Development and Application of a Water Quality Model for Lakes in the  
City of Greater Sudbury – Hutchinson Report**

The Vermilion River Stewardship wishes to offer some additional observations that are pertinent to the concerns set out in our letter of 21 March 2014 regarding the Hutchinson Report (Report) noted above.

On further examination of the Report, it was concerning to note that of the 33 lakes that were listed under “Enhanced” management on page 82 (pdf), most of the lakes have no Total Phosphorus (TP) data attached to them, and the lakes that do have data were all very low TP readings. The only lake that had TP over the PWQO of 20 ug/L was Bethel Lake.

The Report does not provide any detail for the weight attached to each criteria or trigger, so it’s very difficult to confirm why a lake was placed into a classification, especially when there is no TP data available.

There appears to be no logic in how all but one of 33 lakes made it into the Enhanced classification - unless the goal is only to protect healthy lakes. But what about all those lakes that are really at risk if shoreline lot development increases? This Report and Model does nothing to identify or protect those lakes that are at risk.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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