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Paul Javor, MAsc, P. Eng.
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By Email: Paul.Javor@greatersudbury.ca

Re: Ramsey Lake Subwatershed Study and Stormwater Master Plan
Public Meeting #4

Dear Mr. Javor:

The Vermilion River Stewardship is very pleased to offer feedback on the Ramsey Lake Subwatershed Study and Master Plan.

What is being undertaken here is simply a Stormwater Management Master Plan, conveniently wrapped in a Ramsey Lake Subwatershed Study funding wrapper. Stormwater management should be an important consideration and component of a subwatershed study, but there are many other important criteria that must also be considered.

For instance, Ramsey Lake is not just any watershed – it is distinct in that it is the source of drinking water for over 50,000 Sudbury citizens. It is therefore disappointing that there is no goal or objective or even mention of the importance of protecting Ramsey Lake as a drinking water source. In fact, the only mention of drinking water was in relation to chloride from winter salt entering the environment and its potential adverse effects. There was no mention in the poster boards that sodium levels in Ramsey Lake are already at almost 3 times the 20 mg/L provincial level of concern for those on salt restricted diets. The new casino and arena parking lots alone will result in a huge increase in the amount of road salt entering Ramsey Lake.

It is also important to emphasize the importance of planning for a warming climate by building resilience into whichever alternative/s are chosen. In this vein, planning should be based on at least a 1:200-year storm event, and preferably a 1:1000-year flood event for true resilience to climate change.

VRS submits that because Ramsey Lake is a drinking water lake that mitigation measures should incorporate the MOECC Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Guidance Manual as it relates to Low Impact Development, and all of the management strategies listed in the Public Information Centre panels should be incorporated into the Stormwater Management Plan.

April 17, 2018

Please register the Vermilion River Stewardship as a stakeholder in all of the Subwatershed studies.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Heron", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Linda Heron
Chair, Vermilion River Stewardship