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Kingston and The Islands

May 26, 2006

Kingston Environmental  
Advisory Forum (KEAF)  
City of Kingston  
216 Ontario Street  
Kingston, Ontario  
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ATTENTION: DR. HARRY CLEGHORN, CO-CHAIR

Dear Dr. Cleghorn:

Thank you for your letter dated May 12, 2006, inviting me to participate in the 2006 Annual Environmental Advisory Committees Symposium to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2006, at the Travelodge Hotel LaSalle. I confirm that I would be pleased to bring greetings at the opening ceremonies at 9:00a.m.

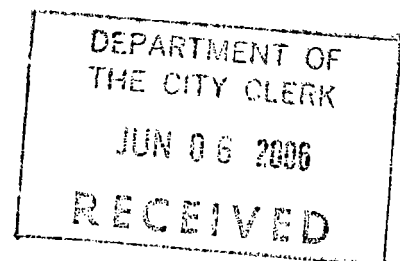
I have noted your request to have the Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of the Environment, be a guest speaker at the Symposium and confirm that I will certainly encourage her to consider your request and, if at all possible, participate in the Symposium.

Thank you for thinking of me.

Yours truly,

  
John Gerretsen, M.P.P.  
Kingston and The Islands

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## Dear Friend of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River:

The International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study will release its final report on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The report concludes five years of work involving more than 200 scientists, economists, planners and engineers from both Canada and the United States.

The Study's aim was review the water level and outflow regime, currently Regulation Plan 1958D with Deviations, and to involve the public in choices in that review. All interests were considered equally in considering options for regulation of the system, including: coastal; commercial navigation; domestic, industrial and municipal water uses; the environment; hydroelectric power; and recreational boating and tourism.

A Public Interest Advisory Group (PIAG) was composed of interested citizens who played a key role in the work of the Study from the outset. The two PIAG leads, one from the United States and one from Canada, were full Board members.

The International Joint Commission appointed the Study Board and Public Interest Advisory Group in 2000 to review its orders of approval regulating the levels and flows through the Moses-Saunders Dam at Cornwall.

On the day of the release, the public will be invited to participate in a streaming audio web conference to present an overview of the Study's findings. That will take place at:  
<http://events.streamlogics.com/losl/may31-06/en/index.asp> (For the English)  
<http://events.streamloaics.com/losl/mav3-06/fr/index.asp> (For the French)

You can also call in and participate with the option to view the slides on-lines while doing so.

**English:**  
**1-877-888-3490**  
**416-695-5259**

**French**  
**1-877-677-7769**  
**416-695-6370**

For more information, in Canada, contact Greg McGillis, Public Information Officer at (613) 992-5727, and in the United States, contact Tony Eberhardt, General Manager at (716) 879-4257.

*The Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study was set in motion in 2000 by the International Joint Commission to evaluate the Commission's Order of Approval used to regulate outflows from Lake Ontario through the St. Lawrence River. The Public Interest Advisory Group is a volunteer group appointed by the International Joint Commission to ensure effective communication between the public and the Study Team.*

**www.losl.org**

**Timpson, Brandi**

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**From:** Nancy Legacey [nlegacey@k3c.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2006 9:52 AM  
**To:** KEAF  
**Subject:** sidewalks

Hello. I previously contacted Ms. Beach's office and was treated nicely by her staff about this matter. When looking at the city's web site, I decided I should also contact your group.

I have just arrived to work on my bicycle. My car is parked at home. I work downtown, on Bagot Street, close to Artillery Park facility.

My concern is simply this:

...the sidewalks that jut out into the road are making the two lanes less than two lanes and necessitate cycling on the sidewalk (illegal and potentially a fine of \$1 00) or disrupting traffic ( potential of life-threatening harm).

I suppose these were built to beautify the city with flower containers but the traffic and safety concerns should be addressed. The containers can be overhead and in fact do not require this much space.

The most worrisome spots:

**...in front of Stages and in front of Grizzly Grill (there is usually a truck parked at Grizzly's at 8 a.m. also)**  
**...in front of the Pizza place at Division/Princess**

We just do not have a road wide enough to support this current design. I would like to see these unnecessary projections removed. Many people tell me they are too afraid to cycle in Kingston due to inconsiderate traffic and road conditions. Perhaps we can make it safer and reduce the number of cars coming into the downtown area (mainly with one person in the car). This would help the environment and reduce parking demands.

Thank you for reading my thoughts today.. .....nancy legacey, 545-7864



May 15, 2006

**To: ALL Environmental Advisory Committees in Ontario**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Environmental Advisory Committee for the County of Prince Edward invites you to join us in encouraging the Ontario government to ban the use of cosmetic pesticides.

We are planning to work with other Environmental Advisory Committees in the province, as well as our own Council and local MPP.

We ask that you take a moment to consider the following questions and forward your answers to the attention of the undersigned, as soon as possible.

1. Do you have a cosmetic pesticides by-law in your municipality?
2. If not, have you made any effort to achieve one?
3. Would you be willing to join us in lobbying the Ontario government for a province-wide ban?

I thank you in advance for responding to our questionnaire, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

KEN WRIGHT  
Chair,  
Environmental Advisory Committee

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May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006

The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward  
332 Main Street, Drawer 1550  
Picton, Ontario K0K 2T0

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing today in response to your letter of May 15 requesting support from the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum (KEAF) of your initiative to lobby the provincial government for a province-wide ban on the cosmetic use of pesticides. On behalf of KEAF I would like to apologize for the delay in replying to your letter, however the Forum has been very pre-occupied for the past several weeks on a request from Kingston City Council to comment on the *Lafarge* proposal to use TDF in their cement kiln located in Bath.

The replies to the three queries you posed are as follows:

- Question 1     *Do you have a pesticide by-law in your municipality?* No  
(Although the City does have policies on pesticide use on its own properties.)
- Question 2     *If not, have you made an effort to achieve one?*  
Yes. KEAF's actions and position are expressed in Section 2.4.2 and appendices M, N, O and P (pages 10 and 65 to 72) of KEAF's *Progress Report #2 to Council, May 2002*.  
[http://www.cityofkingston.ca/pdf/keaf/KEAFProgress\\_02.pdf](http://www.cityofkingston.ca/pdf/keaf/KEAFProgress_02.pdf)
- Question 3     *Would you be willing to join us in lobbying the Ontario government for a province wide ban?*  
As a Committee of Council, KEAF cannot lobby the provincial government in favour of a provincial ban as this would be taken as being Council's position. What we can do, by motion, is request Council to allow KEAF to lobby the provincial government to introduce a province-wide ban on pesticides for cosmetic use. This will be on the KEAF agenda of our next meeting on June 12, and we will inform you of the outcome.

I would also like to take this opportunity to advise you, in case you were unaware, that there is a group referred to as "Pesticide Reduction Kingston" ([www.prkingston.org](http://www.prkingston.org)), who are actively seeking approval of a by-law on pesticide reduction for Kingston.

Sincerely,

*For: e "*  
Dr. Harry Cleghorn, Co-Chair, KEAF  
Maureen Thompson, Co-Chair, KEAF

c.c – KEAF Members  
Jim English, Pollution Prevention Specialist, Engineering  
Paul MacLatchy, Director, Strategic, Sustainability & Communications  
Beth Sills, Environmental Engineer, Strategic, Sustainability & Communications  
Brandi Timpson, Committee Clerk