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Honourable Mayor Peter Chirico & Honourable Council Members
The Corporation of the City of North Bay
200 McIntyre Street East
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C/O Ms. Karen McIsaac, AMCT. City Clerk

Dear Honourable Mayor Chirico and Council Members:

Re: *Trout Lake Watershed Study and Management Plan*
JLR Directions Report (Draft) June 29, 2022 Addendum #2 (Draft)

On behalf of the Trout Lake Conservation Association (TLCA) Board of Directors/Executive 2023-24 and our Membership, we have submitted the attached letter to Staff via Ms. Beverley Hillier (RPP, MCIP), Manager, Planning and Building Services to reiterate our concerns regarding J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. Draft Addendum #2.

The TLCA strongly believes that the Consultant's Report and the evaluation of "Remaining Lake Capacity" and the Municipal Water Quality Objective require additional consideration and modification if the desire of the Council and Staff is to "maintain or improve" existing Water Quality of Trout Lake and its Watershed.

As stated in the letter to Ms. Hillier, we are concerned that the Consultants are perhaps steering the Municipalities away from the maintaining or improving the Water Quality "principle" and promoting a policy that allows for some deterioration. We feel our concerns and input, presented last summer to the previous Council, have not been addressed.

In our letter to Ms. Hillier the TLCA presents factual information, referenced material, and reputable research to support our conclusions and concerns. We ask you to please carefully review the information in the letter wherein we are requesting a scientific "*Peer Review*" of the Consultant's use of the model to assess the validity of the assumptions used to produce the results reported. We point you to the relevant Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), Dr. Andrew Paterson, the Inland Lakes Research Scientist at the Ministry's Dorset Environmental Science Centre, as a subject-matter expert in this field.

Protecting water quality by taking the precautionary approach and limiting any new development on Trout Lake is one entirely feasible, effective way for the City of North Bay and the Municipality of East Ferris to minimize additional anthropogenic impacts.

The TLCA is very concerned (given the fact that changes in Water Quality and the subsequent reflection in the data happens over a long period of time), that, by the time you are able to recognize a deterioration, it will already be too late. Thus it remains vitally important that Policies we adopt today and what we allow for development, will ensure the continued preservation of our Water Quality.

Historically the TLCA has been part of the process from onset as a Stakeholder, and/or part of a Steering Committee and has had valuable and credible input; we remain hopeful that our Council views the TLCA as an effective, collaborative partner.

In summary, on behalf of the TLCA Board of Directors and its Membership, we ask that Council allow sufficient time for Staff to give the utmost regard to our concerns presented, formally respond, and collaboratively move forward. The TLCA looks forward to working with Staff and the two Municipalities Council(s) to develop the policies and recommendations that ensures the preservation of the quality of Trout Lake and its Watershed, now and into the future.

Sincerely,



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President

Attachments: (1) November 22nd, 2023 Letter to Ms. Beverley Hillier & Staff
(2) July 5th, 2022 Letter from TLCA
(3) 2022 Slide Presentation to Council

c.c. Beverley Hillier (RPP, MCIP), Manager, Planning and Building Services
Adam Curran, Policy & Business Development Planner, City of North Bay
John Severino, CAO, City of North Bay

Honourable Mayor and Council. Municipality of East Ferris via Kari Hanselman, Clerk
Jason Trottier, CAO, Municipality of East Ferris
Greg Kirton, Director of Community Service, Municipality of East Ferris

North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Staff via Chitra Gowda, CAO