November 15, 2022

Julia S. Moore, PE
Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR)
State of Vermont

Benoit Charette
Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks (MELCCFP)
Gouvernement du Québec


Dear Secretary Moore and Minister Charette,

As respective chairs of the Vermont and Québec Citizens Advisory Committees (CAC) within the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP), we were pleased to see the renewal of the agreement between Québec and Vermont concerning phosphorus reduction in Missisquoi Bay.

There is much interest from the public on actions undertaken by the Parties pursuant to the Agreement in the Missisquoi Bay watershed and impacts from efforts to reduce phosphorus loads and restore the integrity of the ecosystem.

Therefore, we ask the governments of Vermont and Québec to present to the public pursuant to Article 3.3 of the Agreement, the evaluation and reporting methods, and share progress on the monitoring, source load reduction, and best management practices implemented in the watershed, in addition to planned actions and progress made towards reaching the goals of the agreement.

Both the ANR and MELCCFP should make public presentations on both sides of the border before July 1st, 2023, and every year thereafter; in addition to their LCBP reporting requirements pursuant to Article 4(d).

Thank you for your commitment in recovering a healthy Missisquoi Bay.

Regards,

Mark Naud
Chair – Vermont CAC

Pierre Leduc
Chair – Québec CAC
Chair - Organisme de bassin versant baie Missisquoi

Attachments:
- Resolution from the Québec CAC / OBVBM General Assembly
- Motion from the Vermont CAC
Étaient présents
Jean Asmong, Johanne Bérubé, France Groulx, Urbain Swennen, Pierre Leduc, Émile Veilleux, Charles Lussier, Ginette Boisvert, Marthe Léger, Katrin Kleinekampmann, Daniel Boulet, Geneviève Hébert, Josée Pineault, Émilie Bellefroid, Luc Desjarlais, Daniel Boulet, Francis Mailloux, Laurent Phoenix, Caroline Rosetti, Serge Beaudoin, Marcus Flynn, Werner Wintels, Aubert Michaud, David Largent-Nadeau, Ghislain Poisson, Carl Bélec, Nathalie Fortin, Denis Benjamin, Anthoni Barbe, Monique Bergeron, Marc Olivier-Duhamel, Hélène Campbell, Marie Charbonneau-Vigneault, Alexandre Tougas, Danielle Lanoue,

6.1 Recommandation de l'assemblée
L'assemblée demande au Gouvernement du Québec et à l'État du Vermont de présenter à l'Assemblée générale des membres de l'Organisme de bassin versant de la baie Missisquoi en 2023 l'état d'avancement des travaux pour l'atteinte des objectifs de l'entente sur la réduction du phosphore à la baie Missisquoi et d'en faire un suivi annuel par la suite.

2022-06-159 Proposé par : Luc Desjarlais
Appuyé par : David Largent-Nadeau

Accepté à l'unanimité

Copie certifiée conforme
22 juin 2022
Motion: To support the letter request of both the VT CAC and the Quebec CAC - Organisme de bassin versant baie Missisquoi (OBVBM) to commit the State of Vermont and the Province of Quebec to make annual public presentations regarding the activities and progress of the respective agencies and parties in implementing and pursuant to the renewed Cooperation Agreement between the Gouvernement du Québec and the State of Vermont Concerning Phosphorus Reduction in Missisquoi Bay.