



**July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

To: Mayor George Cornell, Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma, and Councillors Cindy Hastings, Tony Mintoff and Gibb Wishart, Director of Public Works Tim Leitch and Chief Administrative Officer Doug Luker

**Re: high water levels and a declaration of a climate emergency by the Township of Tiny**

**Please include in "Correspondence" in the next Committee of the Whole Agenda.**

1. The Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (FoTTSA) would like to confirm that it supports the Township of Tiny in requesting that the IJC reduce water outflow from Lake Superior, understanding that the impact will be minimal but that given the dire circumstances of many shoreline properties, even a few centimetres would help.
2. FoTTSA urges the Township of Tiny to request that the federal government undertake a study to accurately confirm the conveyance capacity of the St. Clair River and if it has changed in the past 6 years.
3. Lastly, understanding that the main driver of extreme water levels is climate change, FoTTSA urges the Township of Tiny to declare a climate emergency. Since December 2016, over 1,750 local governments in 30 countries have made climate emergency declarations. A Declaration of Climate Emergency would commit Tiny to taking immediate action to reverse global warming at the municipal level by committing to reach zero emissions by 2050. Tiny's Climate Change Action Plan developed in 2015 states that the Township of Tiny is aiming to achieve a 30% reduction in its corporate GHG emissions from the baseline of 2015 by 2028. However, corporate emissions account for only 1 % of emissions in the Township. Community GHG emissions account for 99% of the emissions and the Township is only aiming to achieve a 6% reduction in its Community GHG emissions by 2028. The Paris Agreement sets out a global framework to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5°C. In order to achieve this, global greenhouse gas emissions will not only need to drop by half by 2030, they must be net-zero by 2050. Therefore, we urge the Township of Tiny to declare a climate emergency and to urgently revise its emissions goals and strategies.

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