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March 18, 2025

VIA EMAIL TO:

Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Hon. Graydon Smith (Ministry of Natural Resources)
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria (Minister of Transportation)

RE: Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection and Decontamination Program

Please be advised that the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami, at their regular meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2024, passed a Resolution supporting the Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection and Decontamination Program.

Please see the enclosed resolution that has been endorsed by the Council of the Municipality of Temagami. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

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Sabrina Pandolfo
Municipal Clerk

Enc. Resolution from the Municipality of Temagami
cc.: Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
City of North Bay
City of Temiskaming Shores
Coleman Township
Town of Cobalt
Township of Black River-Matheson
Town of Cochrane
Town of Kapuskasing
Town of Hearst
Municipality of Greenstone
Township of Nipigon
City of Thunderbay
Town of Atikokan

Town of Fort Frances
Town of Rainy River
City of Barrie
City of Orillia
Town of Gravenhurst
Town of Bracebridge
Town of Huntsville
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI
Regular Council Meeting**

Resolution Number: 25-076
Title: 2025-M-064 - Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection and Decontamination Program
Date: Thursday, March 13, 2025

MOVED BY: W.Gustavson
SECONDED BY: M. Youngs

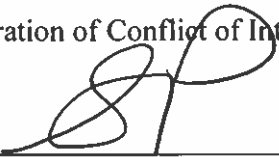
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-064 as presented;
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WHEREAS there is a growing concern among residents of the Municipality of Temagami regarding the significant risk of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) being introduced into local lakes by boats arriving from high-risk areas without appropriate inspection and decontamination;
AND WHEREAS Ontario currently has no mandatory inspection or decontamination requirements in place to prevent the spread of AIS;
AND WHEREAS it is well documented that the overland movement of watercraft and water-related equipment is the primary vector for transporting AIS to uninvaded water bodies in North America;
AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba operates an annual AIS watercraft inspection program from late spring through the middle of fall, requiring all motorized and non-motorized watercraft to stop at designated inspection stations for assessment and potential decontamination;
AND WHEREAS the Manitoba program applies to a broad range of watercraft, including canoes, kayaks, fishing boats, sailboats, personal watercraft (Jet Ski®), stand-up paddleboards (SUPs), and any water-related equipment that has come into contact with a water body;
AND WHEREAS the Manitoba government's AIS Regulation under The Water Protection Act mandates decontamination procedures at designated sites strategically located along highways and other key locations to prevent the spread of AIS;
AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is currently developing several new rest stops along key Northern Ontario highways but has not included AIS wash stations within their mandate;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Temagami calls upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Transportation to establish an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program similar to Manitoba's, to protect lakes in Northeastern Ontario;
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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Municipalities, requesting their advocacy to ensure the protection of lakes within their jurisdiction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, requesting his support and collaboration with the relevant Ministries to implement this program.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

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