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Re: ERO Number 025-1257 –

Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities

I am writing on behalf of the Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA) to express our support for the response submitted on December 11, 2025 by the North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance (NFLAA), in which they express their **strong opposition** to the proposed plan to consolidate the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) into the proposed new St. Lawrence Regional Conservation Authority.

The KLA is a member of the NFLAA and represents over 350 waterfront property owners on Kashwakamak Lake, one of the largest lakes at the head of the Mississippi River. We fully support the NFLAA in arguing that the present structure of the MVCA is highly efficient and effective, while supporting improvements in services and cost efficiencies. We share its concern that under the proposed consolidation the existing close connections between waterfront property owners and the conservation authority will be lost, to the detriment of the protection and management of our watershed.

I am also submitting two additional arguments related to our unique role as one of the major lake associations on the Mississippi River system.

First, we strongly believe that organizing our conservation affairs primarily around one major watershed is a sound approach and has stood the test of time. The Mississippi Valley is a large and complex system with many lakes, dams and power stations. Managing this system requires extensive knowledge of different local conditions and the ability to handle a range of technical challenges, from maintaining summer water levels on the upper lakes, protecting against flooding downstream and ensuring proper water flows to support the many activities, including local businesses, relying on the watershed.

Secondly, the KLA has been very pleased with the work of the MVCA over the past decades. It has maintained a long tradition of independent management of this watershed and has a strong record of communicating effectively with local municipalities, community and lake associations. As examples, the MVCA's gave us hands on support and guidance in developing a [Lake Sustainability](#) plan in 2016, without which it would not have happened. More recently, we were pleased to be involved in its Environmental Assessment Study for the new \$6 million dam rebuild at the east end of our lake which will commence in late 2026. We highly value our relationship with the MVCA, our ability to get timely and reliable access to advice. The KLA strongly opposes any action that would consolidate, weaken or dismantle the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority.

Thank you for your consideration of this response.

Sincerely,



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