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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 North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance (NFLAA) to express our **strong opposition** to the proposed plan to amalgamate the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) into the proposed St. Lawrence Regional Conservation Authority. The NFLAA is a coalition of 18 allied Lake/Road Associations that represents waterfront property owners who, together, account for more than 85% of the residential property tax assessment in the North Frontenac township. We are deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts the proposed consolidation of conservation authorities could have on the protection and management of our shared watersheds, the Mississippi and Carp watersheds.

The NFLAA supports change that leads to improvements in service delivery and cost efficiencies. However, the current model, in which the MVCA works with and is primarily funded by the 11 municipalities within its area of control, is highly effective and, by all metrics, highly efficient. We cannot imagine that increased centralization will lead to any positive outcomes. On the contrary, merging the authority for the Mississippi and Carp watersheds with the St. Lawrence Seaway is likely to lead to significantly worse outcomes for our local watersheds. North Frontenac Township has a strong voice on the MVCA, which ensures that local concerns are heard by local conservation staff. The NFLAA also has a strong working relationship with MVCA staff, which further ensures that the concerns of waterfront property owners are represented within the MVCA. We are deeply



concerned that the close connections between waterfront property owners - who both affect and are affected by the watersheds - and the authority that manages the watersheds will be lost with the proposed consolidation. The resulting weakening of these connections will benefit neither the waterfront property owners nor the integrity of the watersheds.

We urge you to reconsider this consolidation plan and to prioritize the needs and wishes of the local waterfront property owners. Our watersheds are unique and valuable and deserve to be preserved and protected.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Livernois
President, NFLAA