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To the members of Wollaston Township Council

I am writing this letter to you as a follow up to my previous letter of June 6, 2018 and delegation of June 26, 2018.

As you are aware Wollaston Lake now is inhabited by two invasive species (zebra mussels and Eurasian milfoil). As discussed by Barbara King, CEO Watersheds Canada, the Lake as a result faces a potentially major change in the ecosystem in the coming months and years.

In light of this, I am requesting Wollaston Township Council to support 3 initiatives regarding the well-being of Wollaston Lake.

1. Eurasian Milfoil management – In my role as Lake Steward WLHCA I have applied for and received a grant from the Federation of Cottagers Associations (FOCA) for two 2018 initiatives to remove milfoil: the purchase of 2 full “kits” for manual removal of milfoil, and an education session on July 14<sup>th</sup> featuring Leora Berman CEO of The Land Between presenting a “Design your Shoreline Garden” workshop. I request the Township send a representative to the July 14<sup>th</sup> education session, and commit to “naturalizing” the lakeshore property under township stewardship (e.g. the public beach). (As a matter of interest, I am pleased to inform you the first manual milfoil removal work team has been established in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and will be on the lake on July 13.)
2. Water quality testing - In addition to the annual water quality testing conducted by the WLHCA, in response to our request based on the observed decline in dissolved oxygen in 2017, the MOECC has committed to conduct water quality testing in July and October of this year (resources permitting). I am requesting that the Wollaston Council commit to fund this additional water quality testing (including dissolved oxygen testing estimated at \$3500 annually) for the following 3 years and in 2018 in the event the MOECC resources are not available.
3. Lastly I am requesting that Wollaston Township commit to form a committee to develop a “State of the Lake review” similar to the White Lake example provided to

you on June 12, 2018 and again on June 26, 2018 The WLHCA is starting the process of application for funding for a state of the lake assessment which we are undertaking with the assistance of Watersheds Canada. The Township commitment would help to further this application.