

RESOLUTION #46 OF 2014
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION'S LAKE ONTARIO-ST.
LAWRENCE RIVER PLAN 2014
JULY 23, 2014

Title: A resolution in support of the International Joint Commission's Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Plan 2014.

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clayton, held at Dodge Hall, Grindstone Island, Clayton, New York, on July 23, 2014, at 5:00 PM there were:

Present: Justin A. Taylor, Supervisor
Lance Peterson, Councilman
Robert W. Cantwell III, Councilman
Christopher D. Matthews, Councilman
Mary Zovistoski, Councilwoman

The following was offered by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to wit:

WHEREAS, the ecological health of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River is paramount to the economy of the region, contributing billions through sectors including but not limited to tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, boating, shipping, and power generation.

WHEREAS, landowners, public infrastructure, businesses, and communities are now threatened by erosion, and by a lack of coordination in management of the shoreline, and have experienced flooding in the past, and

WHEREAS, the levels and flows of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River are regulated through a dam in the River in accordance with a regulation plan that is over 50 years old; and

WHEREAS, the current regulation plan "Plan 1958D" has proven inadequate to address unforeseen conditions, requiring frequent deviations attempting to stabilize the lake, and has caused clear environmental harm to wetlands, coastal habitats, and the myriad economically and environmentally important species of plants and animals they harbor, thereby degrading the quality of life for all citizens of the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River region; and

WHEREAS, the International Joint Commission has sponsored a 10-year, \$20 million process to develop a new regulation plan that addresses the concerns of all stakeholders in New York, Ontario, and Quebec; and

WHEREAS, the International Joint Commission now proposes "Plan 2014" as the new regulation plan for the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River system; and

WHEREAS, Plan 2014 will increase production of hydropower by the dams in the St. Lawrence River, and maintain the benefits that regulation of the River and Lake has provided to international shipping; and

WHEREAS, by restoring some of the natural fluctuations in water levels, while avoiding extreme high and low levels, Plan 2014 will restore the plant and animal diversity of coastal wetlands *without public investment* and dramatically increase opportunities for hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Clayton supports Plan 2014 and urges its swift adoption by the U.S. and Canadian federal governments.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Justin A. Taylor, Supervisor	Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
Lance Peterson, Councilman	Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
Robert W. Cantwell III, Councilman	Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
Christopher D. Matthews, Councilman	Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
Mary Zovistoski, Councilman	Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

Dated: July 23, 2014

Certification

I, Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk of the Town of Clayton, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clayton held on the 23rd of July, 2014 and it's on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

(SEAL)

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk