

Ms. Benneian and Ms. Kingdon,

Thank you very much for your email. The Recreational Boating and Harbour Capacity Study has been commissioned by the Town of Oakville, City of Burlington and Halton Region in an effort to provide a comprehensive background analysis of current harbour capacity and needs within the GTA/Golden Horseshoe region and specifically within Halton Region. This has been developed as a two-step study, i.e.:

Phase 1 – To determine the demand for recreational boating within Halton Region considering the demographics associated with that demand and boater preference.

Phase 2 – (Not yet started) If there is a proven demand for recreational boating in excess of current capacity (Phase 1), where additional harbour facilities could be constructed in Halton Region.

Within Phase 1 of the study, it was the intent to assess the changing demographic profile of the area and the impacts (if any) these changes have on the anticipated short and long term demand for recreational boating, the sources and location of this demand, and trends in the type of boating and mooring requirements, with the aim of gaining a greater understanding of whether or not additional harbour capacity is needed.

The equal share funding partners of the Phase 1 Recreational Boating and Harbour Capacity Study are limited to the Town of Oakville, City of Burlington and Halton Region. The City in October 2013 through their staff report PR 33-13 on the LaSalle Marina, reported that their portion of the Phase 1 Study would be co-funded with the LaSalle Park Marina. I have attached a copy report PR33-13 from the City of Burlington for your reference.

The Study partners held a public information meeting on December 5, 2013. At that meeting, the Study process and preliminary findings were presented for consideration and comment. A number of attendees voiced their support for the process and preliminary findings at that time.

If you have not yet provided any comments for consideration, we encourage you to provide any that you may have in the near future, so that they can be thoroughly and properly considered before the Study is finalized.

We trust that this response is helpful and should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

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