June 15, 2006

RE: WATERTIGHT PANEL REPORT

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands, at their meeting on May 29, 2006, passed the following resolution with respect to the subject matter:

WHEREAS the recommendations included in Watertight Report will create an additional infrastructure, which is not needed and that will be financed by water and wastewater users;

AND WHEREAS the recommendations included in Watertight Report may cause water users in one municipality to finance water systems in another municipality;

AND WHEREAS the recommendations of the Watertight Report will take away municipal control over water and wastewater;

AND WHEREAS the model recommended in the Watertight Report will lead to conflicts between municipalities competing for development as the corporation’s agenda for system improvements may be different from that of the various municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the model recommended in the Watertight Report will reduce MOE’s role in the delivery of safe drinking water;

AND WHEREAS water and wastewater servicing is the most costly of all urban infrastructure combined and control of it must remain with the elected officials answerable to the public;
NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands requests that the Provincial Government not implement the recommendation of the Watertight Report to create an Ontario Water Board or transfer jurisdiction of water and wastewater to Regional Municipalities.

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the following resolution be forwarded to the Honorable David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal and to all Ontario municipalities for their support.

I would request that you please present this Resolution to your members of Council for their consideration and endorsement. Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Mayor Harold Grier