RE: IMPOSING A RESTRICTION WINDOW ON IN LINE MUNICIPAL DRAIN CONSTRUCTION FROM MARCH 15 TO JUNE 20 THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

At their meeting of March 10, 2009 the Council for the Town of Lakeshore duly passed the following resolution:

Councillor Kennette moved and Councillor Diemer seconded:

That:

WHEREAS, a restriction on municipal drain construction has been imposed for the period from March 15 to June 30 on all municipal drains throughout the Province;

AND WHEREAS, this restriction is causing delays and additional costs to drainage and road construction projects in the Town of Lakeshore;

AND WHEREAS, this restriction has resulted in inefficient utilization of equipment and manpower resources;

AND WHEREAS, the application of the Endangered Species Act and the Species at Risk Act causes further delay and costs to drainage projects and road construction projects;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lakeshore Council request the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Natural Resources, Essex Region Conservation Authority, Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and Conservation Ontario review each municipal drain project in a timely fashion and properly determine the appropriateness of applying the Ministry of Natural Resources fish spawning restriction window and the regulations contained within applicable Federal and Provincial Acts.

FURTHERMORE, a copy of this motion be forwarded to MP Jeff Watson, MPP Bruce Crozier, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Should you require additional information with respect to the above please feel free to contact the undersigned. I remain

Yours truly,

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