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Lake Ontario St. Lawrence River Alliance

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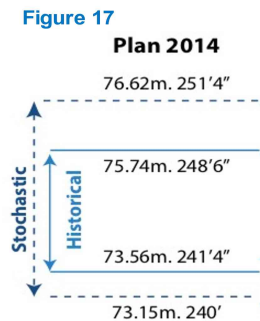
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Dear LOSLRA members and Waterfront Residents,

It's mid-April and Lake Ontario and the Upper St. Lawrence River levels are a foot above average and quickly approaching our historical flood levels. Despite average rainfall levels and below average snowfall this year, Plan 2014 has once again put us in a precarious position. Should we get elevated precipitation beyond this point, we will be above the 247' lake level that puts us in position for flooding. Conversely, last Spring, Plan 2014 over compensated from the previous year's wet conditions, and created lower than average lake levels that hampered marinas and recreational boating. **In short, Plan 2014 must be changed so we don't have these huge variations in lake levels! The chart below should scare most lake residents! Yes, this chart, issued by the IJC, shows that the combination of Plan 2014 regulation and historical weather patterns will some day result in lake levels exceeding 251' above sea level. These are levels that will inflict serious damage to a majority of homes and businesses on the shores of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.**

Plan 2014

- History repeats itself!
 - Plan 2014: Limits imposed to protect Montreal and Shipping
 - **Man-made diversions** compounding the high water problems
- **Models in the 2014 Plan show levels above 251' in future years.**



Final Report by the International Lake Ontario
St. Lawrence River Study Board to the IJC
(March 2006)

Last month our LOSLRA board met with the six IJC members, the Army Corps. of Engineers, and the Great Lakes Adaptive Management committee to understand the 'Plan 2014 Expedited Review' process. We were able to express our appreciation that the IJC is taking action to modify Plan 2014, but we also leveled our concerns that the forthcoming modifications will not come soon enough or may not go far enough to support shoreline property owners and boaters.

In addition, we requested that the IJC account for the unnatural flows of the 'Ogoki and Long Lac Diversions' that contribute billions of gallons of water per day to the Great Lakes system. The attached video explains the impact of the history of these unnatural flows. In 1952, 1973, and 1986 these Canadian Diversions were shut down to reduce high water conditions in the Great Lakes. It is hard to believe that the IJC no longer is willing to manage these man-made flows.

<https://youtu.be/0yPDT0NRI2Q>

Our fight for your Riparian Rights includes the following:

- To get key supporters appointed to the IJC and GLAM (Great Lakes Adaptive Management Committee) so that shoreline residents and businesses have representation in regulation decisions. **Last month, we met with Senator Schumer's, Congressman Morelle, and Congressman Jacobs staffs to push for a key appointment to the GLAM committee.**
- Follow and guide the 'Plan 2014 Expedited Review Process' to insure favorable result
- Demand compensation, as outlined in the 1909 Water Boundaries Treaty, for all damages associated with too high or too low water conditions. Also, keep members aware of protections, such as flood insurance.
- Continue legal actions should the Expedited Review of Plan 2014 fall short of a fair regulation plan.
- Demand that the IJC continue to deviate outflows from Plan 2014 to protect shoreline residents, marinas, and recreational boating until formal changes to Plan 2014 are made.

As fellow shoreline residents, we promise you that we will continue fighting for your riparian rights until we achieve balance! Thank you again for your support. Together, we will win the fight.

Please visit LOSLRA.org. We need your continued support through membership/donations.

Respectfully,

John Bolton, President

Doug Dobson, Vice President

Tim Donlon, Treasurer

Jake Wade. Secretary