



AASHONIYAANG, ANISHINAABEG TERRITORY LAKE SIMCOE, ONTARIO, CANADA



THE UPPER YORK SEWAGE SOLUTIONS DECISION

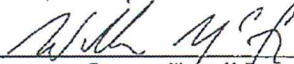
This is the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nations' official decision of the Upper York Sewage Solutions proposal by York Region to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNR) to build and operate a Sewage Plant that will dump 40 million litres of treated sewage daily into Lake Simcoe within the traditional territories of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. This project is known as the Upper York Sewage Solutions (UYSS). The project is proposed to be constructed by the Holland River where pollution will flow into Lake Simcoe, further contaminating Georgina Island's already taxed water source. The territory is traditionally known by locals as Aashoniyaang (People of the shining waters) and is not only a life source but a spiritual place for the Chippewa people.


The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation does NOT give their free, prior and informed consent to use the lands and resources in its traditional territory for the purposes of the Upper York Sewage Solutions. The Upper York Sewage Solutions in its proposed location is fundamentally in opposition to the Chippewas of Georgina Island's land and water use objectives. It is also illegal under the binding requirements of the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*.

Lake Simcoe is a cultural keystone area which must be protected and preserved in accordance with the traditional importance of the site to the Chippewa people. Lake Simcoe may be only used in ways which preserve and sustain the area and allow for the culture of the Chippewa people to be exercised and maintained, and which preserve the use of the Lake for all Canadians in accordance with the First Nations Laws.

The decision of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation is made in accordance with the First Nations laws, traditions, customs and land use tenure systems. It is supported by an inadequate provincial environmental assessment that does not address the cumulative effects of contaminants such as phosphorus, pharmaceuticals and personal care products; the lack of an operational, management and disaster response plan, climate change effects, the disregard of traditional ecological knowledge and ceremonial uses of the Chippewa people, and in recognition that Aashoniyaang (Lake Simcoe) is a cultural keystone area with significant spiritual and historical importance to the Chippewas of Georgina Island, which significance is fundamental and undiminished.

Signed by the Chief and Council of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation on the 03 day of
April, 2018 at Georgina Island, Ontario, Canada:


COUNCILLOR WILLIAM MCCUE

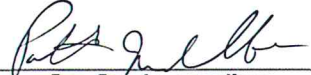

COUNCILLOR LAURI HOEG


COUNCILLOR PATRICIA BIG CANOE


COUNCILLOR BENSON BIG CANOE


CHIEF DONNA BIG CANOE

Signed in support by the Anishinabek Nation (Union of Ontario Indians) on the 04 day of
April, 2018 at Georgina Island, Ontario, Canada:


GRAND CHIEF, ANISHINABEK NATION


SOUTHEAST REGIONAL GRAND CHIEF,
ANISHINABEK NATION

**OFFICIAL DECISION of the UPPER YORK SEWAGE SOLUTIONS PROPOSAL in
Aashoniyaang (Lake Simcoe), Anishinaabeg Territory, Ontario, Canada**