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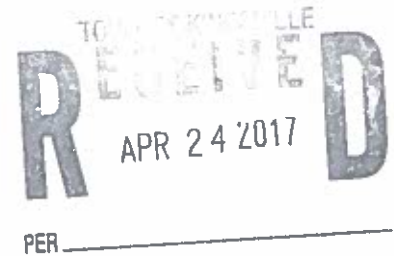
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### Office of the Director of Council Services

Brenda Andreatta, Director of Council Services/Clerk

April 13, 2017

Jennifer Astrologo  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk  
Corporate Services Department  
The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville  
2021 Division Road North  
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Dear Ms. Astrologo:

### Re: Funding for the Great Lakes

LaSalle Town Council at its meeting held April 11, 2017 considered the matter of the recent decision by the United States Government to eliminate funding to the Environmental Protection Agency thereby negatively impacting the Great Lakes. Council adopted the following resolution:

CR 142/17

Whereas algal blooms in Lake Erie threaten its natural and economic resources by negatively impacting the use of water for drinking, fishing, boating and swimming; and

Whereas Lake Erie experienced the largest harmful algal bloom in its history in 2015; and

Whereas toxins from algal blooms can cause severe health issues; and

Whereas communities that depend on Lake Erie as a source for drinking water have made significant investments to ensure it is free from dangerous levels of algal toxins and nuisance algae; and

Whereas algal blooms limit the enjoyment of Lake Erie beaches and other recreational water activities; and

Whereas, local tourism, commercial and residential property values and the commercial and recreational fishing industry may be negatively affected due to the presence of algal blooms; and

Whereas, the United States recently announced a proposal to cut funding to the Environmental Protection Agency that pays 97 percent of the costs for Great Lakes pollution cleanup thereby putting the future health of the Great Lakes in danger,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Ontario Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Mayors of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative BE REQUESTED to lobby U.S. State representatives to overturn the decision by the U.S. federal government to drastically reduce spending on the health of the



Great Lakes, and that a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to local MP's and MPP's, Essex County municipalities, AMO and FCM to request support of the initiative.

The importance of the Great Lakes to this region cannot be overstated. Your assistance in bringing this matter to the attention of Kingsville Council with a request to support the resolution is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Brenda Andreatta  
Director Council Services/Clerk