



May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Transport  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Marc Garneau:

**RE: Enforcement of “No Wake” Restriction Legislation.**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2016-04-35**

**“WHEREAS**, the Office of Boating Safety, which administers the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations (VORRS) pursuant to the Canada Shipping Act, 2001, has advised that the issue of “No Wake” is currently addressed by limiting the speed or power of a vessel;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Office of Boating Safety has advised that “No Wake” is not a restriction found in the Canada Shipping Act, 2001, or its regulations, and therefore is not an enforceable restriction;

**AND WHEREAS**, a boat’s wake can do a great deal of damage, including:

- the erosion of shorelines
- the swamping of nests of loons and other waterfowls
- the damaging of docks and vessels moored at docks and at marina that has pumps
- the danger to swimmers
- the interference with safe navigation
- the disruption of wetland habitat
- the upsetting of canoes and small boats, especially in narrow channels;



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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Council of Tay Valley Township requests the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, to address this dangerous and harmful situation, by implementing legislation that would provide authorities with the ability to enforce a "No Wake" restriction in Ontario's navigable waters;

**AND FURTHER THAT**, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Scott Reid, M.P., Lanark – Frontenac – Kingston, and to all Municipalities in Ontario with a request for endorsement."

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or [clerk@tayvalleytp.ca](mailto:clerk@tayvalleytp.ca).

Sincerely,

Janie Laidlaw, Acting Clerk

cc: Scott Reid, MP, Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox & Addington  
All Municipalities in Ontario