

HOWSON DAM REPAIR PROJECT – NEWSLETTER #1

Hello Fellow Dam Repair Supporters:

Nov. 12, 2014

Thanks for your support to date. At this time we have over 600 individuals supporting this project as well as four community groups, the Horticultural Society, the Lions Club, the Sportsmen Association and the BIA. Rest assured, we are moving ahead, slowly but surely.

With about 15 of you supporters in the audience, we attended the Township Council Meeting on September 15th. We made a Power Point presentation that was successful in receiving Council approval to release sufficient funds to hire an Engineer.

We have retained Andrew Ross, P. Eng. of the engineering firm of B. M. Ross & Associates of Goderich to prepare plans for the repair and he is currently working on that. After we have the plans prepared we will be approaching Council again seeking approval to apply for permits from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA).

We think community support will be a significant factor in obtaining these permits so please encourage your family, friends and neighbours to contact us to have their names added to the supporters list. We would like to have at least 1000 before we apply for the permits. Please continue to “talk it up” and have people email howsondamrepair@gmail.com or call one of us to add their support.

We have contacted our MPP Lisa Thompson to request her help with the MNR permit process and she seems to be interested in this project. Township Council approval and support are also essential to this proceeding so, whenever you have a chance, please tell your Council members how important this is to you and the community.

We are meeting monthly to continue work on this project so please contact us if you have any ideas or concerns. We are not sure of our timeline yet, as it all depends on receiving the permits from MNR and the MVCA but, best case would be construction in the spring of 2015.

Any support or suggestions you have will be appreciated.

Hoping for a full pond soon!!

Best Regards,

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