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RE: MODEL RESOLUTION ON ASIAN CARP
OUR FILE: D07, CC #12

Mr. Barrett, your letter dated January 18, 2013 pertaining to the above noted matter, was presented to the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on February 13, 2013. At that time Council endorsed the following motion:

"THAT Mr. Tom Barrett be advised of the previous action taken by Regional Council."

For your information, attached is an extract from the Regional Council minutes of June 8, 2011, in reference to this matter.

Deb Bowen

Deborah Bowen, AMCT
Acting Regional Clerk

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Attachment

C: Mr. David Ullrich, Executive Director, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, EMAIL: david.ullrich@glslcities.org



Extract From Regional Council Minutes of June 8, 2011

Item 5 of the Seventh Report of the Planning Committee

5. **INVASIVE ASIAN CARP SPECIES IN GREAT LAKES, FILE: DO7-39-01 (2011-P-46)**
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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) THAT the following resolution of the Town of Ajax regarding 'Invasive Asian Carp Species in Great Lakes' be endorsed:

WHEREAS the transfer of invasive Asian Carp (an aquatic nuisance species) into the Great Lakes poses a significant threat to the health and welfare of Canadians and Americans; and,

WHEREAS the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was authorized by U.S. Congress in 2007 to prevent the movement of aquatic species between the Mississippi River Basin and the Great Lakes Basin; and,

WHEREAS, according to a 2009 Risk Assessment conducted by the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the time has come to take decisive, co-ordinated actions to protect the Great Lakes from reaching the avoidable, irreversible ecological "tipping point" that is anticipated to result from an Asian Carp invasion; and,

WHEREAS a permanent, sustainable solution for the proliferation of Asian Carp in the Great Lakes Basin requires re-establishing the hydrologic separation between the Mississippi River Basin and the Great Lakes Basin to the Greater Chicago area, as confirmed in Resolution 8-2010M approved by the members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative in 2010; and,

WHEREAS the complementary "Statement of Unity" respecting Asian Carp approved by the members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative in 2010 established a series of short term (2010), mid term (2011-2012) and long term (2013 and beyond) actions; and,

WHEREAS the Statement of Unity did not anticipate the need for and appropriateness of conducting public hearings regarding Asian Carp as an international pollutant under Section 310(a) of the *Clean Water Act* of the U.S.A. to allow citizens and stakeholders in U.S. and Canadian Great Lakes communities who

are concerned about the impact of an Asian Carp invasion to provide comments directly to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and,

WHEREAS the above-noted Resolution and Statement of Unity were endorsed as an expression of shared widespread concern about the threats that invasive Asian Carp would pose to ecological conditions, habitat and recreational activities along Great Lakes and St. Lawrence shorelines and tributaries, yet Canadian municipalities, stakeholders and citizens have not been provided with the opportunity to express their concerns directly to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as the U.S. *Clean Water Act* does not require that public hearings be conducted in Canada or, more specifically, in Ontario and Quebec;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the comments and recommendations set out in the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority report entitled "Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Feasibility Study-Invasive Asian Carp Species", dated April 29, 2011, and the comments of the Great Lakes United to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), dated March 31, 2011, regarding the "Great Lakes and Mississippi Interbasin Feasibility Study" be endorsed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, other stakeholders and the public be afforded an opportunity to convey their views about the serious adverse impacts of Asian Carp, on recreational activities and commercial fisheries, as identified by both the Ontario Government and Environment Canada and valued at approximately \$400 million CDN per year, and other potentially costly impacts, in a public hearing conducted in Canada forthwith, and that USACE provide regular opportunities for discussion about their progress in public forums, at least two times per year, in Canada;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Cities Initiative requesting that said resolution be considered and approved at the Annual General Meeting being held on June 16, 2011 in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada and then sent forthwith to the U.S. Department of State with a request that Foreign Affairs host a public hearing in Canada where the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team would be invited to hear the comments of Canadian municipalities, other stakeholders and members of the

public about the impacts of invasive Asian Carp on shared international waters.'; and

- b) THAT a copy of Report #2011-P-46 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be sent to the Town of Ajax, City of Pickering, Town of Whitby, City of Oshawa, Municipality of Clarington, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, Great Lakes United and the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

MOVED by Councillor Aker, SECONDED by Councillor Bath,

- (1) "THAT the recommendations contained in Items 1 to 7 inclusive of the Seventh Report of the Planning Committee be adopted."

CARRIED