



Coalition for  
Equitable  
Water Flow

## CEWF Priorities for 2023

The **Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, (CEWF)**, is a coalition of 33 member Lake Associations which represent 94% of the Trent Severn Waterway's (TSW's) reservoir lake storage capacity and covers the sub-watersheds of the Gull, Burnt & Mississagua Rivers plus Nogies, Eels & Jack's creeks. The Coalition aims to represent the interests of shoreline property owners in the "Haliburton Sector" of the Trent watershed, referred to as the Upper Trent Watershed (UTW). The UTW includes 35 Reservoir and several Flow-Through (RaFT) lakes in Haliburton County and northern Peterborough County. The CEWF was originally formed in 2006 to provide input to **the Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway**. Since then, the mandate has evolved to provide effective liaison between the Coalition members and TSW management on advancing water management issues affecting the lakes and rivers of the UTW. The Coalition is led by a nine-member Executive Committee.

The CEWF has an agreement, known as the **Upper Trent Water Management Partnership (UTWMP)** with the six local municipalities covering the RaFT lakes area: the Township of Algonquin Highlands, the Municipalities of Dysart et.al., the Minden Hills, and Highlands East in Haliburton County, and the Township of North Kawartha, and the Municipality of Trent Lakes in northern Peterborough County. The UTWMP is able to speak with a single voice with federal and provincial authorities on water management issues affecting the RaFT lakes. The CEWF Chair, CEWF Vice-Chair and one other CEWF Executive Member serve on the UTWMP Council.

### The CEWF's Objectives

- To promote an **Integrated Approach to Water Management at the Watershed Level** that will improve water conservation while recognizing the environmental, public safety, social and socio-economic constraints of managing the water resource. For this initiative, the CEWF will work independently as well as through the UTWMP.
- To maintain on-going **dialogue with TSW management** to ensure mutual understanding of local issues with respect to TSW management of water levels and flows in the UTW.
- To promote **shared information and knowledge** of water management issues and practices primarily to Coalition lake associations as well as for all stakeholders across the entire Trent watershed.
- To promote approaches to ensure safe navigation, access to waterfront property, economic sustainability and the avoidance of negative environmental and economic impacts for residents on the RaFT lakes.

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### **The CEWF's Priorities for 2023**

- 1) The CEWF's main priority will continue advocating with the TSW with respect to an Integrated Approach to Water Management at the Watershed level by continuing to emphasize and build on the excellent water management experiences in recent years with respect to drought conditions, extreme rainfall events, flood risk management and other issues and challenges.
- 2) The CEWF will continue to liaise with member lake associations, including a direct outreach to the associations' Board of Directors, to raise the level of understanding of water management issues with an emphasis on recent extreme weather patterns (floods, droughts and ice damage) and their apparent relationship to the medium term climate change predictions for the RaFT lakes area.
- 3) A special video based Communication Project will be completed to provide videos that will provide some background to water management and climate change and advise property owners on protection of their waterfronts from extremes of high and low water levels and ice damage.
- 4) The existing CEWF website will be reformatted and upgraded to provide more user friendly access to data.
- 5) The CEWF will monitor the work on the Haliburton County Flood Plain Mapping project.
- 6) The CEWF will continue to monitor the TSW Capital Program in the RaFT lakes area, provide regular updates to our members, and ensure the participation of our member associations in project consultations as appropriate.
- 7) The CEWF will continue to work with TSW to improve the information content of their water management web pages and improvements to lake-specific water level graphs

### **The CEWF Executive Committee Members 2023**

Ted Spence, Catchacoma Lake, Chair,	Bruce McClennan, Gull Lake, Vice Chair,
Roger Cunningham, White Lake, Secretary/Treasurer	
Geoff Byford, Mountain Lake	Bill Cornfield, Horseshoe Lake,
Chris Riddle, Director Emeritus,	Carol Moffatt, Beech Lake
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