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Mayor Matichuk and Councillors
City of Greater Sudbury
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Dear Mayor and Councillors;

The Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance Inc. (GSWA) is an association of seventeen lake, river and creek stewardship groups who are working together to protect and enhance watersheds within the City of Greater Sudbury. We work on common goals and on concerns brought forward by our membership.

Recently the GSWA has been made aware of housing developments that may impact lakes within the city. Our concern is that decisions about allowing development take into consideration the sensitive nature of our lakes, rivers, creeks and of our recovering landscape. In saying this we also realize that city planners, Conservation Sudbury and others are well aware of the challenges to our environment that development includes. We wish to add our voice of caution to those who question development without adequate attention to protecting our surroundings which include so many beautiful lakes.

The following is a motion passed at the last general meeting of the GSWA on Monday February 25, 2013:

- That the GSWA support and encourage city council to enact an interim control by-law on development in watersheds until watershed studies of the areas as called for in the official plan have been completed and the lake capacity study(Hutchinson Report) results are known.

We think that watershed studies of the lakes, rivers and creeks are essential for informed decision making on development near our waterways. As well the fact that the city might consider moving forward without the input of a lake capacity study that the Planning department initiated, does not make sense.

GSWA wishes to work collaboratively and positively with the City of Greater Sudbury. A small committee of GSWA would be happy to meet with the General Manager of Growth and Development, Bill Lautenbach to further discuss this issue. We see an interim control by-law as a convenient and short-term technique to give enough time to proceed with watershed studies and to receive the lake capacity results. Development decisions would then include this vital information.

On behalf of the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance I thank you for your positive consideration of this idea.

Sincerely,

Lesley Flowers
Chair, GSWA

cc. Bill Lautenbach, Manager of Growth and Development