## The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley

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At the May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council, the following Resolution was passed.

19.083 MOVED BY Tim Schison SECONDED BY Jack Roesner

**THAT**: **Whereas** the Federal Government has proposed Bill C-68, An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Act in consequence;

**And Whereas** Bill C-68 was amended by the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans, to rewrite Section 2(2) of the Fisheries Act;

**And Whereas** this amendment will deem any body of water capable of supporting fish as being a fish habitat;

**And Whereas** consequential of this amendment, puddles in farm fields, municipal lands, drainage ditches or water reservoirs can possibly be declared protected fish habitats;

**And Whereas** this amendment has been described by the Canadian Cattlemen's Association as something which will "place a crippling regulatory burden on family-owned operations."

**And Whereas** Bill C-68 as it currently reads threatens the future viability of the family farm in Canada;

**Be it resolved** that the Township of Bonnechere Valley call on the Parliament of Canada to remove the proposed changes to Section 2(2) of the Fisheries Act.

**Further Be it resolved** that this resolution be circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Federal of Canadian Municipalities; and all municipalities in the County of Renfrew.

Carried

Original signed by Mayor Jennifer Murphy