

September 15, 2016

District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street
Bracebridge ON P1L 1N3

Attn: John Klinck, District Chair

Dear Sir:

**Re: Support for Funding Request for Flood Plain Mapping
Federal / National Disaster Mitigation program**

The Muskoka Lakes Association (MLA) represents approximately 2,300 households in the District of Muskoka. Our membership includes both seasonal and permanent residents with properties on the waterfront and in the Towns of Bracebridge, Gravenhurst and Huntsville.

In the spring of 2013 and again in 2016, over a thousand of our members experienced damage to their properties due to the flooding on the big 3 lakes of Lake Muskoka, Lake Rousseau and Lake Joseph, their rivers, and tributaries. Significant damage also occurred to properties on the Moon River which outlets from Lake Muskoka to Georgian Bay.

In 2016, we asked our members to identify properties that had received significant damage. With the assistance of the District of Muskoka's GIS system, we were able to map the location of flooding and ice damage resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage to property.

In 2013, we learned that the District of Muskoka and the Ministry of Natural Resources had limited floodplain mapping tabulated in the 1970's and 80's but never completed or updated.

We understand that the District of Muskoka is applying for funding through the Federal/National Disaster Mitigation program to develop flood plain mapping to address the recurring flood risks, and hopefully, in turn, mitigate costs to structures, people and property in Muskoka.

The Muskoka Lakes Association fully supports this endeavor. If there is any way in which we can assist the District by providing information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,



Robert Ensor
President



Anne McCauley, MCIP, RPP
Chair Political & Land Use Committee

c District Council Mayors
c Michael Duben, District CAO