

specifically recommended Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) design, build and operate the Holland Marsh Polder Project. As the entire Lake Simcoe watershed benefits from this project, costs should be appropriately shared across all 20 municipalities in the Lake Simcoe watershed.

York Region urges the Province to fulfill its commitments following recommendations of the Advisory Panel and its own commitment to provincially fund, design, build and operate this facility without any further cost to the Region. This will show strong Provincial leadership aligned with responsibilities under the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008* and Plan.

Section	Recommendation
7, 11	York Region recommends that the province leverage powers in Section 11 of Schedule 10 to assign responsibility for implementing the phosphorus reduction project to OWCA (the Agency). A strong governance framework will be key to success. Having a Provincial agency fully responsible for leading this process would be beneficial and align with recommendations from the Advisory Panel. It is recommended that the Agency design, build and operate this facility.

The Province's active leadership is critical to expedite implementation of this solution by incorporating the Region's recommendations outlined in this preliminary response. The Region intends to submit fulsome responses later this month as part of the Standing Committee and Environmental Registry processes. If you have any questions regarding this response or would like to discuss these recommendations, please contact Mike Rabeau, Director of Capital Planning and Delivery, Environmental Services, at Mike.Rabeau@york.ca.

Sincerely,

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