

**Resolution of Support for the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation
Regional County Municipality of Pays d'en-Haut (Municipalité régionale de comté), Dec 1, 2015**

WHEREAS certain pleasure craft activities could have harmful effects on a water body, namely the flora and fauna;

WHEREAS certain pleasure craft activities could inhibit a harmonious co-habitation among the different usages of a waterway and render life unpleasant for many in the community;

WHEREAS the presence of wake boats and other types of powerful boats and such as cigarette boats exceed the environmental tolerance of a water body with their oversized waves;

WHEREAS the waves produced by such pleasure craft erode the shorelines and damage docks, parked pleasure craft and marine life habitats;

WHEREAS the oversized waves contribute to the churning up of lake bottom sediments and release phosphorus trapped in these sediments thus engendering the proliferation of aquatic plants, including blue algae, and murky water;

WHEREAS the current federal legislation which applies to navigation, The Canada Shipping Act, is inadequate to respond to the concerns of residents and users pertaining to environmental considerations and the harmonization of different water activities;

WHEREAS the Canada Shipping Act is primarily about safety, the rights of navigators and the minimization of obstacles to navigation and doesn't sufficiently take into account environmental impact considerations related to motor boats, nor quality of life matters;

WHEREAS the options currently available to a municipality to regulate aspects of pleasure craft navigation involve 29 steps, and as such are bureaucratically heavy, onerous and troublesome and render it impossible to have an integrated, responsible and sustainable management plan for the water body and surrounding area;

WHEREAS many municipalities and environmental organizations have identified the issues of the impacts of pleasure craft and wish to put in place measures reflecting a sustainable development vision that covers social and economic as well as environmental goals;

WHEREAS there are collective rights at stake to assure the survival of the natural heritage of a water body for current and future generations;

WHEREAS municipalities are well-placed to have a say in the management of their respective water bodies;

WHEREAS the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation aims to develop science-based legislative solutions to the Government of Canada, at a national scale regarding pleasure craft;

WHEREAS the proposals of the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation are based on studies and scientific data that reflect the characteristics and environmental tolerances of water bodies;

IT IS PROPOSED THAT the Township of Perry support the initiatives of the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation aimed at developing legislative proposals that take into account the environmental and social impacts of certain types of pleasure craft;

IT IS PROPOSED THAT the Township of Perry advise the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to make known to communities across Canada the importance of the challenges regarding the health of our water bodies so that the FCM can make known these concerns to the federal and provincial governments.