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TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION - SPRING 2022





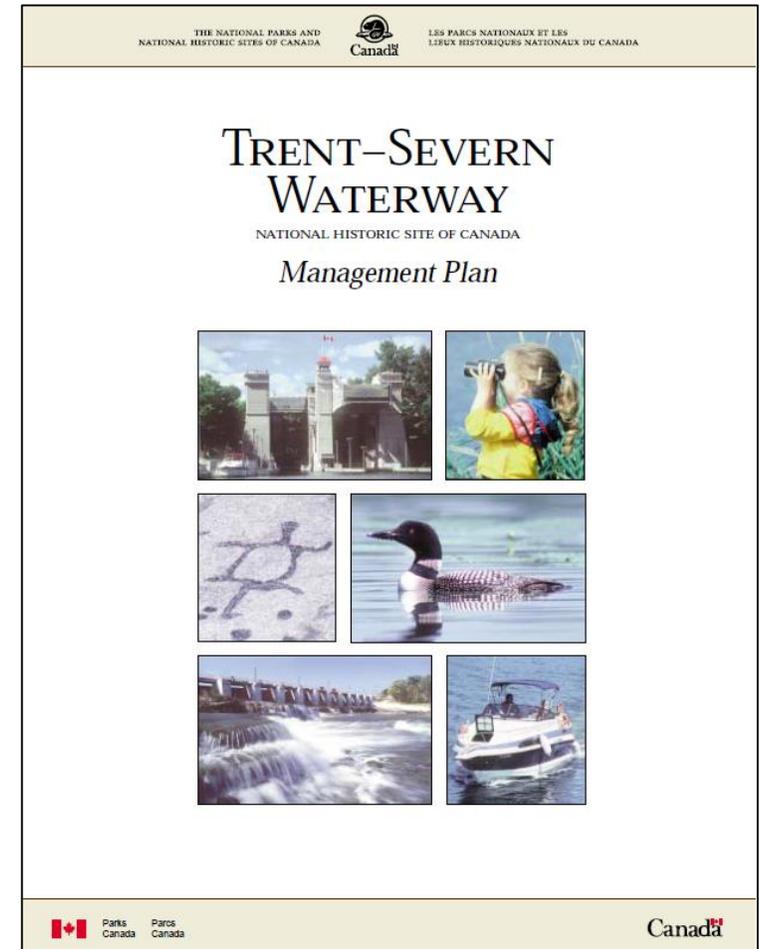
AGENDA

- What is Management Planning?
- Draft Vision: presentation and discussion
- Draft Key Strategies, Objectives and Targets: presentation and discussion
- Next Steps



WHAT IS A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN?

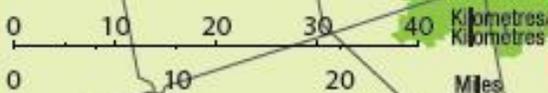
- Describes how the historic site supports Parks Canada's mandate
- Articulates a long-term vision and guides strategic decision-making
- Serves as a focus for ongoing engagement
- Approved by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and tabled in Parliament
- Parks Canada accountability to Canadians
- Current plan dates back to 2000





Legend / Légende

-  Locks / Écluses
-  Cities / Villes
-  Provincial Highways / Routes provinciales
-  County and Regional Roads / Routes régionales
-  First Nations / Premières nations
-  Trent-Severn Watershed / Bassin-versant de Trent-Severn



Moose Deer Point
First Nation
Première nation de
Moose Deer Point

Wabigoon
First Nation
Première nation de
Wabigoon

Bethune Memorial House
National Historic Site
Lieu historique national de la
Maison-Commemorative-Bethune

Georgian Bay Islands
National Park
Parc national des
Îles de la baie géorgienne

Beauséjour
First Nation
Première nation de
Beauséjour

Chippewas of Rama
First Nation
Première nation des
Chippewas de Rama

Chippewas of Georgina Island
First Nation
Première nation des
Chippewas de Georgina Island

Mississaugas of Scugog Island
First Nation
Première nation des
Mississaugas de Scugog Island

Curve Lake
First Nation
Première nation de
Curve Lake

Hiwassee
First Nation
Première nation de
Hiwassee

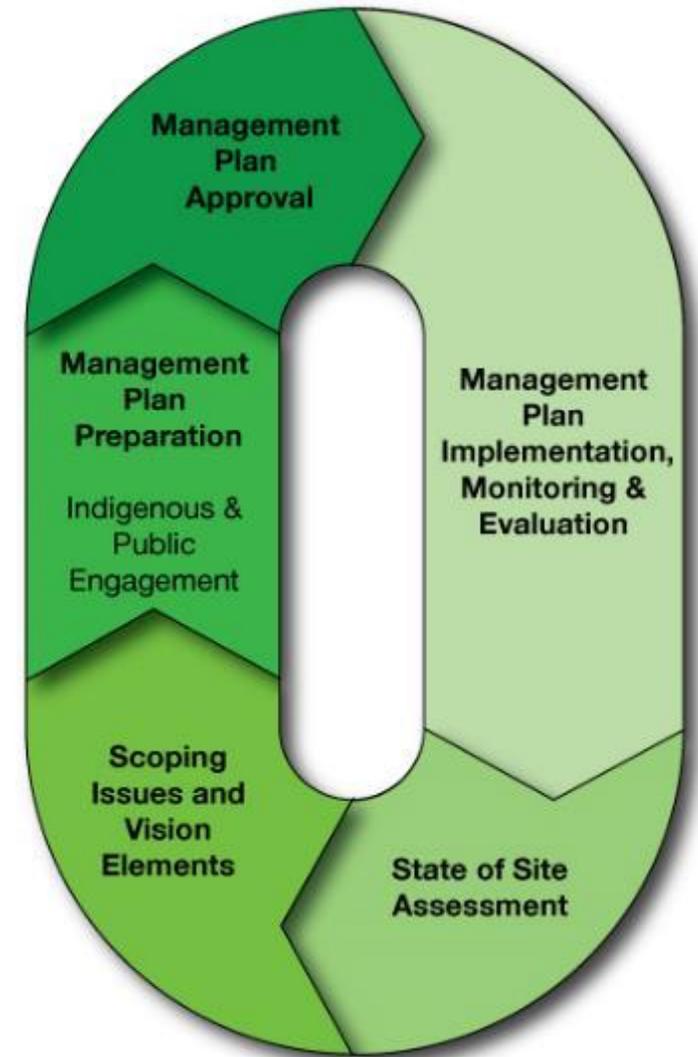
Adirondack
First Nation
Première nation
d'Adirondack

Mohawks of the
Bay of Quinte
Première nation de la
Baie de Quinte



STAGES COMPLETED: 2018-2021

- 2018: Information Gathering and State of the Site Assessment
- Spring 2019: Visioning Workshops with First Nations and key stakeholders across the Waterway
- 2020-2021: Draft Management Plan Preparation





IMPLEMENTATION OF 2000 MANAGEMENT PLAN: NOTABLE PROGRESS

- Many parallels with the recommendations of the 2008 “Its all About the Water” Report
- Strengthened relationship with municipalities on land use planning, economic development/tourism
- Protection of natural environment through CEAA, in-water works permitting process and creation and application of *2007 Parks Canada’s Policies for In-water and Shoreline Works*
- Delivery of enhanced services and facilities at some lockstations
- Creation of new visitor experiences including Learn to Paddle, Lock N Paddle, Learn to Camp, Otentiks, Voyageur Canoe Program
- Raising awareness of TSW through special events, travel/trade shows, film shoots and media requests
- Improvements to condition of cultural resources and assets through the Economic Action Plan and ongoing Federal Infrastructure Investment Program
- Strengthened relationship with Williams Treaties First Nations



IMPLEMENTATION OF 2000 MANAGEMENT PLAN: NOTABLE PROGRESS

- Integrated approach to water management across entire waterway/watershed, with multiple objectives: navigation, public safety, flood mitigation, protection of environment, fisheries, wildlife habitats, water supplies, recreation, hydro generation
- Introduction of automated water gauges introduced in 2004 and expanded upon, supported by manual gauges and weather stations
- Improved communications with introduction of Water Management InfoNet, news bulletins, interactive mapping, social media, enhanced collaboration and communication with CAs, OMNR, municipalities
- On-site interactive, educational programming for school groups
- Inter-agency program established 2008 to control invasive Water Soldier
- Point of Sale system piloted 2011, fully implemented 2018 supports vessel registration and national tracking of vessels
- Warden service introduced 2010, dedicated personnel since 2017



IMPLEMENTATION OF 2000 MANAGEMENT PLAN: MORE WORK TO BE DONE

- Emphasis on (static) cultural heritage value of the waterway, which fails to recognize the evolution of the waterway over time
- Focuses on the boater as the primary user group
- Water management focus on navigation only
- Does not speak to importance of legislations, regulations
- Significant emphasis on adjacent lands for protection of heritage values
- Relationship with Indigenous Peoples speaks only of opportunities for commemoration to acknowledge Indigenous history in the area



SCOPING EXERCISE – KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

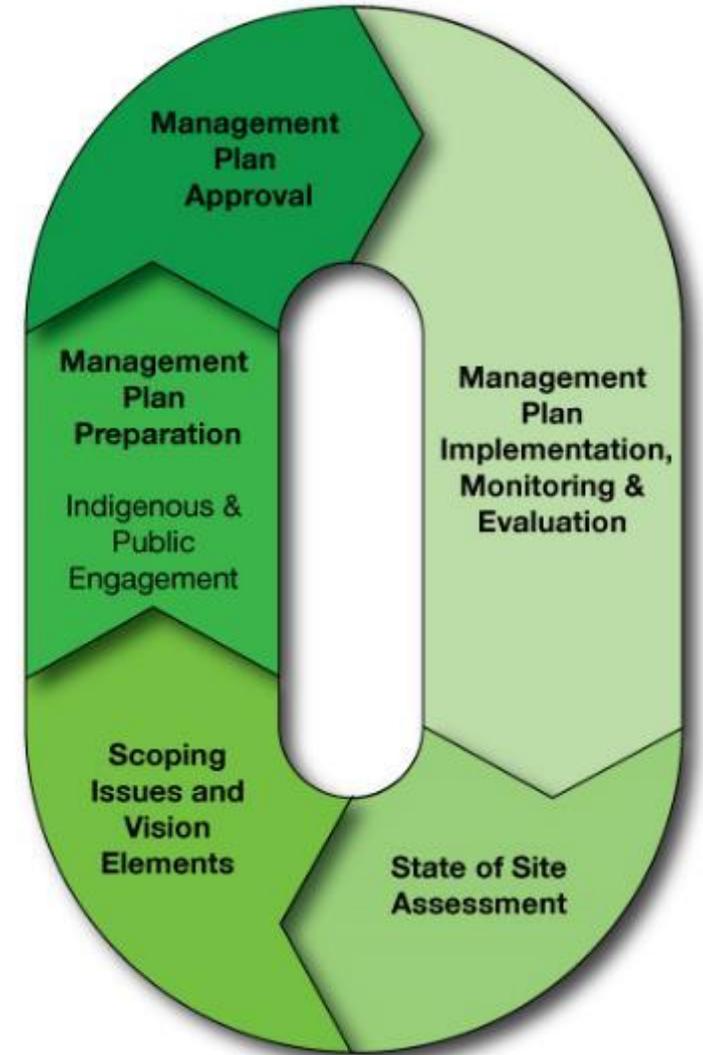
- Stable and predictable resources for cultural resource conservation and essential infrastructure
- Understand who uses the TSW and how to expand the user base
- Conservation of cultural resources while adopting modern safety standards and requirements
- Modern legislation and tools to effectively manage the waterway





CURRENT STEP: INDIGENOUS AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- April 4, 2022 – June 30, 2022
- Feedback on vision, key strategies, objectives and targets
- Meetings with Williams Treaties First Nations
- Virtual engagement sessions
- Parks Canada website
 - Read/download management plan
 - Email feedback
 - Complete digital comment card





What is a Management Plan?



VISION

Expresses an inspiring and evocative - yet achievable - description of the desired future state of a place



KEY STRATEGIES

Articulate how managers intend to achieve the long-term vision for the heritage place



OBJECTIVES

Answer the question: "In order to achieve the vision, what results do we need to see?"



TARGETS

Answer the question: "How do we measure our progress toward achieving the desired results?"



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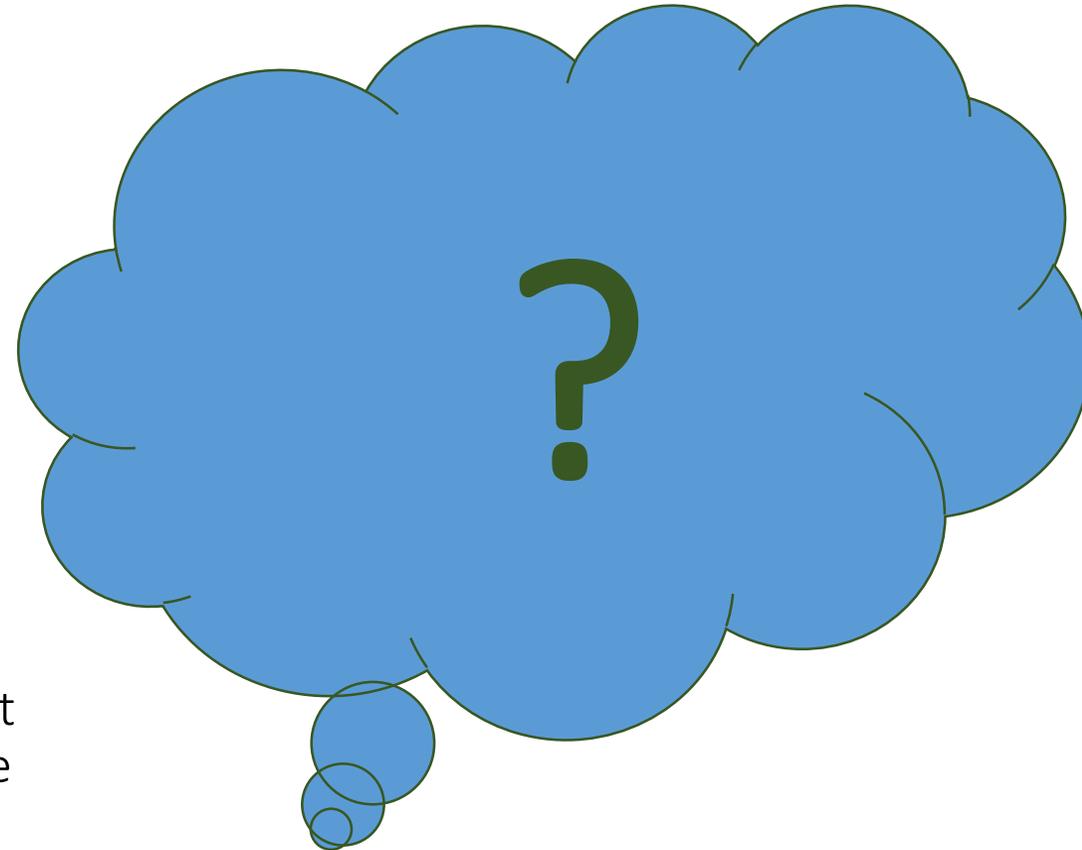
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DRAFT VISION

EXERCISE and FOCUS QUESTIONS

- How does the site make you feel?
- How do you envision the site, at its future best, in 20 years?
- Is this achievable in a 20 year timeframe?
- Does this highlight the special character of the site?
 - Open sharing of words, ideas, experiences that reflect your personal experiences and the essence of the site
 - Raise your hand / add comments to the chat





Collaborative relationships support a world-renowned, vibrant, sustainable destination



Conservation of natural and cultural heritage resources and contemporary assets



Strong relationships and meaningful collaboration with Indigenous communities



Leadership in water management responsive to climatic change

Draft Vision Elements for the Trent-Severn Waterway





DRAFT VISION ELEMENT 1

Parks Canada, working with its partners, has solidly positioned the Trent-Severn Waterway as a world-renowned, vibrant and sustainable destination that promotes outdoor recreation, low impact tourism and responsible development while preserving its cultural and natural heritage for future generations





DRAFT VISION ELEMENT 2

The Trent-Severn Waterway is recognized as a sustainable recreational place offering a wide range of premier cultural and natural experiences and activities. Its unique natural landscape provides a ribbon of life and refuge for flora and fauna, while its cultural resources and contemporary assets showcase an incredible evolution of engineering technology.





DRAFT VISION ELEMENT 3

As an iconic and defining feature of the Waterway, the Peterborough Lift Lock is a premier destination that provides opportunities for visitors to learn and appreciate the heritage values of the Trent-Severn Waterway





DRAFT VISION ELEMENT 4

In the spirit of reconciliation and meaningful collaboration, the Trent-Severn Waterway continues to work with Indigenous peoples to share their cultures and histories and support ongoing relationships and cultural practices with the Waterway and broader watershed area.





DRAFT VISION ELEMENT 5

Parks Canada is recognized for its leadership in delivering a complex, adaptive integrated water management system across an entire watershed that is responsive to climatic change. As a promoter of green operations and by working closely with others and adopting green operations, Parks Canada helps ensure the natural environment of the Trent-Severn Waterway is healthy and well-protected, and the Waterway remains the lifeblood of thriving ecosystems and a catalyst for economic prosperity in the region.



DRAFT VISION for PETERBOROUGH LIFT LOCK

The Peterborough Lift Lock remains a landmark within the City of Peterborough that is appreciated and enjoyed for its historical and engineering significance as the world's highest lift lock, as an integral part of the Trent-Severn Waterway, and together with the nearby Canadian Canoe Museum, as a treasured local attraction





Draft Key Strategies and Objectives



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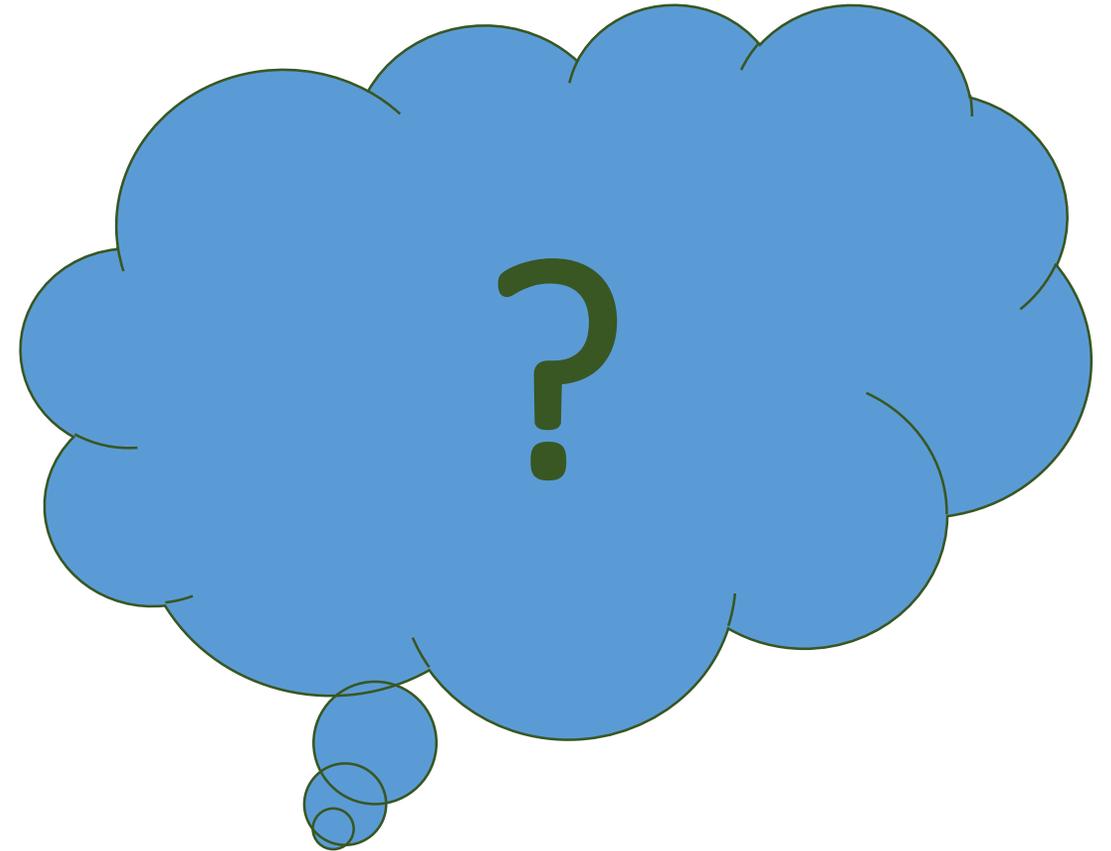
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DRAFT KEY STRATEGIES, OBJECTIVES & TARGETS

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Is it clear?
- Does it make sense?
- What is missing?
- What needs to be added or built upon?





KEY STRATEGIES

1. Establish the Waterway as a premier Canadian recreational destination
2. Conserve, present and interpret the Waterway's rich and evolving history, engineering technology and natural environment
3. Effectively manage an evolved waterway in the 21st century





DRAFT KEY STRATEGY #1

Establish the Waterway as a premier Canadian recreational destination

OBJECTIVES:

- A broad range of visitors experience the Trent-Severn Waterway through greater opportunities to explore the region by paddling, camping, cycling and hiking opportunities
- Land-based visitation to lockstations is increased and visitors are more engaged with the Waterway.

TARGETS:

- New visitor offer for paddlers are developed and implemented by 2024
- Trip planning tools, amenities and facilities are developed with others by 2026
- At least one special event is hosted each year with others that promotes paddling, camping, cycling and hiking
- Enhanced measurement of land-based visitation and demographic information is undertaken by 2024
- A Visitor Experience Strategy is developed by 2025 with better understanding of visitation and demographics
- Develop 5 master plans by 2032 to highlight priorities for visitor experiences and canal operations
- By 2029, improvements to land-based programs and service offers are implemented at five lockstations



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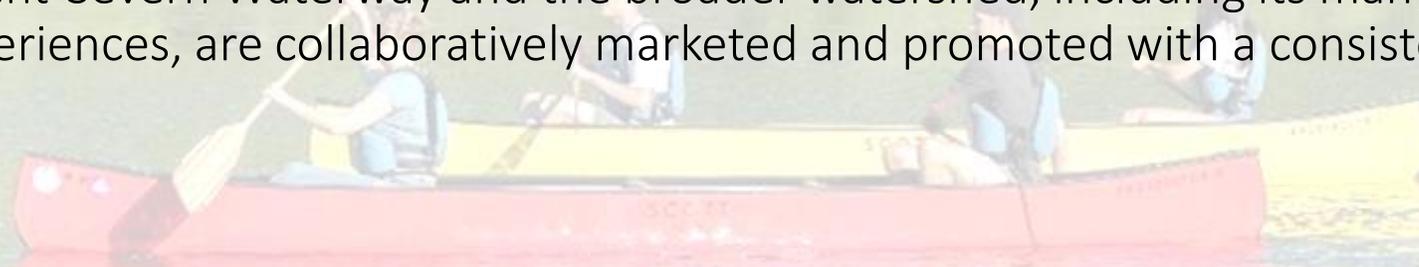
Establish the Waterway as a premier Canadian recreational destination

OBJECTIVE:

- Parks Canada's management of the Trent-Severn Waterway is supported and strengthened by collaborative relationships with others.

TARGETS:

- Parks Canada meets annually with key partners, stakeholders, organizations, and local communities to discuss shared interests and challenges along the Waterway and to explore opportunities and new initiatives
- Parks Canada meets annually with regional and municipal economic development and tourism organizations to ensure the Trent-Severn Waterway and the broader watershed, including its many attractions, amenities, services and experiences, are collaboratively marketed and promoted with a consistent approach.





DRAFT KEY STRATEGY #2

Conserve, present and interpret the Waterway's rich and evolving history, engineering technology and natural environment

OBJECTIVES:

- The Trent-Severn Waterway's engineering marvels are protected.
- The terrestrial and freshwater ecosystem of the Trent-Severn Waterway is better understood, conserved and protected

TARGETS:

- By 2032, a Cultural Resource Management strategy that responds to the evolution in engineering technology along the Waterway is developed
- Long term asset management plans that conserve the cultural significance of the Waterway, support sustainability, and address climate changes risks are developed by 2024 and reviewed annually
- Develop and implement a Species at Risk Site Action Plan by 2023
- Over the next ten years, continue to support work of academic institutions, such as NSERC research projects
- Water Soldier, an aquatic invasive species continues to be controlled across the Waterway in partnership with others



DRAFT KEY STRATEGY #2

Conserve, present and interpret the Waterway's rich and evolving history, engineering technology and natural environment

OBJECTIVE:

- Indigenous Peoples have meaningful opportunities to connect with the ancestral lands and waters of the Trent-Severn Waterway and share their knowledge and cultures.

TARGETS:

- The Williams Treaties First Nations continue to be engaged on a regular and ongoing basis through an established committee framework, to ensure Indigenous perspectives are respectfully considered in Parks Canada's management of the Waterway.
- Through collaborative work with Indigenous communities, opportunities to expand upon the presentation and interpretation of Indigenous stories, cultures and heritage are explored.
- Through collaborative work with Indigenous communities, opportunities for the management of natural resources, contracting and employment are identified.



DRAFT KEY STRATEGY #2

Conserve, present and interpret the Waterway's rich and evolving history, engineering technology and natural environment

OBJECTIVE:

- Cultural and natural heritage resources and values of the Trent-Severn Waterway are integrated into visitor experiences and tourism strategies and initiatives.

TARGETS:

- The next Visitor Information Program survey indicates visitors are learning more about the Trent-Severn Waterway through new experiences
- By 2032, an integrated tourism strategy is developed with Regional Tourism Organizations, Indigenous communities and municipal partners that builds upon the regional Trail Towns initiative
- By 2032, new sustainable visitor experience opportunities are developed at five key lockstations highlighting the Waterway's natural resources and cultural heritage
- By 2032, three rehabilitated historic buildings support TSW visitor experience and asset sustainability objectives.



DRAFT KEY STRATEGY #2

Conserve, present and interpret the Waterway's rich and evolving history, engineering technology and natural environment

OBJECTIVE:

- Sustainable development principles are better integrated into Trent-Severn Waterway operations

TARGETS:

- By 2025, a strategy is developed and implemented for greening Parks Canada activities that includes adopting zero-emission or hybrid vehicles; constructing new, low carbon buildings; increasing the energy efficiency of existing facilities; and improving waste reduction and diversion practices.
- By 2027, the use of small-scale hydro-electric generation is implemented to support operations, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and offset energy costs.
- By 2024, an evaluation is undertaken of how current predictions for regional climate change may impact operations, construction and asset management, environmental management and water management on the Trent-Severn Waterway, in order to inform future adaptive approaches.



DRAFT KEY STRATEGY #3

Effectively manage an evolved waterway in the 21st Century

OBJECTIVES:

- Administrative tools are modernized to comprehensively and effectively address the complexities of an operational, evolving waterway.
- Sustainable sources of revenue are developed and enhanced.

TARGETS:

- An analysis of gaps in the current statutory and regulatory and policy framework is completed and needed improvements within the Agency's control are identified by 2024.
- A review of in-water and shoreline works policies is completed and implemented by 2026.
- By 2026, the implementation of business licensing is expanded to include all commercial operators who use Parks Canada's lands and facilities, or the Parks Canada administered bed of the waterway, in support of their business operations.
- Parks Canada will continue to work with the Province and Waterpower Industry to support the management, development and expansion of environmentally-friendly water power facilities on the Waterway.



DRAFT KEY STRATEGY #3

Effectively manage an evolved waterway in the 21st Century

OBJECTIVE:

- Water management decisions are made using a system-wide approach based on high, quality, systematic, regularized data collection.

TARGETS:

- The water monitoring network continues to be modernized through the ongoing exploration and development of new tools and methodologies, such as hydrological modelling, and their integration into decision-making is reviewed on an annual basis.
- A formal communications protocol for communicating Parks Canada water management information to the public and stakeholders is in place by 2024.



PETERBOROUGH LIFT LOCK

OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS

OBJECTIVE:

A renewed and strengthened collaboration between Parks Canada, the City of Peterborough and Canadian Canoe Museum in the areas of interpretation, promotion and programming ensures the Peterborough Lift Lock site remains a must-see destination for visitors to the Trent-Severn Waterway

TARGETS:

- The Peterborough Lift Lock is maintained in fair to good condition in the next State of the Site Assessment through regular monitoring, maintenance and renewal.
- By 2025 develop and implement interpretative initiatives in collaboration with the Canadian Canoe Museum to highlight the Peterborough Lift Lock, the Trent-Severn Waterway, and Parks Canada's sites nationally.





NEXT STEPS

- Spring 2022: Public and Indigenous Consultations
- Summer 2022: “What We Heard” Report
- Summer/Fall 2022: Revise the Draft Plan
- Fall 2022: Final Plan Approval Process
- December 2022: Table Management Plan in Parliament
- 2023: Publish the Management Plan





Final thoughts, comments or questions?





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