

WE LOVE OUR LAKES.

On May 17, 2018 Chief Matthew Todd Peigan announced the Pasqua First Nation (PFN) had settled its court application against the Minister of Environment (MOE) and the Quill Lakes Watershed Association No. 14 ("QLWA"). The settlement states the Minister has agreed to notify the public of any application, by any proponent, to have any Future Project exempted from the Environmental Assessment Act. Further, he has agreed to give PFN and supporting organizations – the Last Mountain Lake Stewardship Group, the Calling Lakes Ecomuseum, and the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation – the right to a full written hearing before he makes any future exemption decision.

We are so grateful to everyone who had a hand in bringing this issue to justice, but our work is not over. The Quill Lakes continues to rise and threaten our beloved Qu'Appelle River system.

In his announcement Chief Todd Peigan wrote, “Why is this province so intent upon ignoring the best environmental solution by implementing a quick fix that serves half the population...but tramples the environmental rights of the remaining half?” Our government must take the rights of every citizen into account. We strongly believe that the only way our province can come to a solution that respects all affected parties is through transparency, communication and representation. Every community deserves a seat at the table.



The KGS Report provides 6 feasible flood mitigation options for the Quill Lakes, each of which must be researched in order to arrive at a solution that benefits all communities involved. We propose that our government hold a Roundtable discussion that involves the five levels of government: (Federal, Provincial, Municipal, First Nations and Metis); Industry water users: (Oil



and Gas, Potash, Farming and Cities); Universities: (United Nations Regional Center of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development - University of Regina; Global Institute of Water Security University of Saskatchewan), and Non-Profit organizations with expertise on water management.

In 2015 the Kutawagan Project to divert water from the Kutawagan Creek downstream into Last Mountain Lake was cancelled due to public outcry. A similar Common Ground Proposal was withdrawn in January 2018. We need to refresh how we meet this challenge. What is our

government doing to meet this challenge? We need every voice to be heard to find what is best for Saskatchewan as a whole.



Please reach out to your MLA, MP, Mayor, Councillor, Chief and Reeve and ask our government, “What are you doing to stop the growth of the Quill Lakes? Will you organize a roundtable discussion so we can do this right?” Let’s create a conversation.

Please “help us help you” by donating to “Save Last Mountain/Qu’Appelle Lakes” directly or by going to our GoFundMe page at: <https://www.gofundme.com/savelastmtn-qu-appelle>.

Our website is: <http://www.lmlsg.ca/>