



Township of Georgian Bay

April 7, 2016

Honourable Marc Garneau  
Minister of Transport  
House of Commons  
OTTAWA ON  
K1A 0A6

Mr. Minister:

**Re: Enforcement of "No Wake" Zones**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bay, on March 14, 2016, adopted the attached resolution requesting the implementation of legislation that would provide authorities with the ability to enforce a "No Wake" restriction in Ontario's navigable waters.

Yours truly,

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- cc: - Tony Clement, M.P.  
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P1H 1G3 (hand delivered)
- All municipalities in Ontario

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**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY**  
**MOTION C-83-2016**

**Adopted by Council on Monday, March 14, 2016**

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*WHEREAS the Office of Boating Safety, which administers the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations (VORRS) pursuant to the Canada Shipping Act, 2001, has advised that the issue of "No Wake" is currently addressed by limiting the speed or power of a vessel;*

*AND WHEREAS the Office of Boating Safety has advised that "No Wake" is not a restriction found in the Canada Shipping Act, 2001, or its regulations, and therefore is not an enforceable restriction;*

*AND WHEREAS a boat's wake can do a great deal of damage, including*

- the erosion of shorelines*
- the swamping of nests of loons and other waterfowls*
- the damaging of docks and vessels moored at docks and at marina gas pumps*
- the danger to swimmers*
- the interference with safe navigation*
- the disruption of wetland habitat*
- the upsetting of canoes and small boats, especially in narrow channels*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Georgian Bay requests the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, to address this dangerous and harmful situation, by implementing legislation that would provide authorities with the ability to enforce a "No Wake" restriction in Ontario's navigable waters;*

*AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario with a request for endorsement;*

*AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Tony Clement, M.P., Parry Sound – Muskoka.*