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At the May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council, the following Resolution was passed.

19.083 MOVED BY **Tim Schison**
SECONDED BY **Jack Roesner**

THAT: **Whereas** the Federal Government has proposed Bill C-68, An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Act in consequence;
And Whereas Bill C-68 was amended by the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans, to re-write Section 2(2) of the Fisheries Act;
And Whereas this amendment will deem any body of water capable of supporting fish as being a fish habitat;
And Whereas consequential of this amendment, puddles in farm fields, municipal lands, drainage ditches or water reservoirs can possibly be declared protected fish habitats;
And Whereas this amendment has been described by the Canadian Cattlemen's Association as something which will "place a crippling regulatory burden on family-owned operations."
And Whereas Bill C-68 as it currently reads threatens the future viability of the family farm in Canada;
Be it resolved that the Township of Bonnechere Valley call on the Parliament of Canada to remove the proposed changes to Section 2(2) of the Fisheries Act.
Further Be it resolved that this resolution be circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Federal of Canadian Municipalities; and all municipalities in the County of Renfrew.

Carried

Original signed by Mayor Jennifer Murphy