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Dear Mr. Davies:

The Honourable James Bradley has requested that I respond to your letter of December 2, 1986, concerning the Toronto Harbour Commissioners, twelve hundred (1,200) boat Outer Harbour Marina.

The Toronto Harbour Commissioners (THC) were constituted by an act of Federal Parliament and therefore are not directly subject to provincial legislation. Although our Environmental Assessment Act does not apply, the THC voluntarily submitted their Outer Harbour Marina proposal to the Federal Government's Environmental Assessment Review Process. Staff of this Ministry participated in the review of their proposal under the Federal Government process. The THC's final configuration for the marina addresses our concerns with respect to water quality of the Outer Harbour.

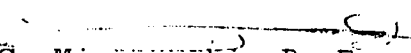
Since 1982, this Region has administered the Lakefill Quality Assurance Program. The intent of this Program is to minimize the quantity of unsuitable material used as lakefill at the Leslie Street Spit. This Program is directed at large excavation projects. To date, the Program has provided an effective mechanism for controlling the quality of fill from large excavations which have tended to be the major source of lakefill.

The Ministry has also conducted studies yearly since 1980 on the water quality effects of lakefilling activities at the Leslie Street Spit. These studies have concluded that lakefilling has only a localized impact on water quality and has not adversely affected the water quality at the water intakes for Metropolitan Toronto.

The Ministry is in the process of commissioning a study to examine the environmental and economic implications of lakefilling activities within the Province. This study will assist in defining the Ministry's position on future lakefilling activities, in addition to examining improvement for controlling the quality of material used as lakefill.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. Kim Shikaze, Regional Director, Environmental Protection Service, Environment Canada, in order that he may fully explain legislative authority, under which the Toronto Harbour Commissioners operate, and the Environmental Assessment Review Process to which the Outer Harbour Marina Project was subjected.

Yours very truly,

  
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