

## Item 6.1.1

Dear Mr. Billard,

Thank you for your letter of interest in these three issues. Pursuant to your request, the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee considered the statuses of the Lake Banook, daylighting, and water monitoring issues, which I would like to share with you.

Regarding the Lake Banook issue, ESSC has forwarded a report to Regional Council, where it has recently been approved. As this was not a policy project, RWAB was not formally part of this report's process; however, the report did follow a community engagement process. Similarly, the Daylighting project was not considered a policy project. This issue is currently with Harbour East Community Council, who have requested a staff report. If there is a need to change policy regarding daylighting watercourses, then Harbour East community Council has the option of asking ESSC to engage RWAB. If there are any impacts resulting from development applications, RWAB may also be consulted.

In regards to monitoring and testing lake water, work is currently being performed in this area and a three year consultant contract has been signed. ESSC has requested a staff update on the status of this project, which may form a future discussion for RWAB.

As the new Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, I will be attending the next meeting of the Board to answer any further questions you may have.

Sincerely  
Original Signed

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