

To Ron Hallman, President & CEO of Parks Canada

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President and CEO, Parks Canada
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Dear Mr. Hallman,

We are writing on behalf of Fairness for Clear Lake, a coalition representing a wide cross-section of community members, local organizations, and businesses in the Clear Lake area. Each of us has made independent and repeated efforts to engage with Parks Canada and the leadership at Riding Mountain National Park in good faith, with the goal of fostering a respectful and collaborative relationship.

Unfortunately, our efforts to participate in decision-making processes—particularly around boating policy—have not resulted in meaningful dialogue. In light of this, we have felt compelled to come together as a formal coalition to better advocate for a renewed partnership based on transparency, science, and shared stewardship.

The abrupt decision on May 16, 2025, to reverse the previously announced one boat, one lake policy was deeply concerning to our community. Businesses and residents had made financial and logistical commitments based on Parks Canada's earlier direction. The reversal, without consultation, has not only had practical consequences—it has eroded trust.

We believe the best way to protect both the park's ecological integrity and its vital role in the region's economy is through inclusive, science-informed decision-making. The one boat, one lake policy has broad support in our community and offers a viable model for balancing conservation and access.

With no clear forum for engagement, and following many months of unanswered outreach, we have taken the difficult step of filing an application for judicial review. This action is not adversarial—it is a formal request for accountability and clarity. Our goal remains dialogue, not division.

We are committed to rebuilding a relationship between Parks Canada and the Clear Lake community—one rooted in trust, mutual responsibility, and long-term planning.

Sincerely,
Fairness for Clear Lake