

Fairness for Clear Lake (FFCL) Townhall  
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Good evening

Unfortunately other Legislative duties require me to be out of province today but I did want to share my thoughts and more importantly my support for your efforts.

Clear Lake is more than just a lake.

It is a jewel in the Riding Mountains.

It is a tourism and recreation destination for generations of Manitobans.

And as a destination it has become an integral part of our local economy.

The decision by Parks Canada to ban motorized watercraft, repealing the former one boat one lake policy is wrong.

It is wrong for a number of reasons with the most obvious being the lack of consultation and dialogue.

When it comes to Clear Lake we are all in this together.

We all want a healthy lake able to be enjoyed for years to come.

Parks Canada is not the only stakeholder concerned about our lakes.

Invasive species have become increasingly common and disruptive which is why we need everyone to be part of the solution. You all know people who have been on and around this lake for decades... people who know the health of the water better than most.

As a former Minister of Natural Resources in Manitoba, I am not trying to diminish the ecological impact zebra mussels pose but ending the one boat one lake policy is not the solution.

It is nowhere near a solution, it's a kneejerk reaction by federal bureaucrats endorsed by the Liberal federal government who seem to believe they know best.

On your behalf I will continue to work with you to pressure the provincial government to ask the federal government to actually sit down with Fairness for Clear Lake and collaborate on short and long-term solutions that protect the health of the lake and the health of the economy.

Yours sincerely,

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