

Minister Yurek

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Dear Minister Yurek,

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Happy New Year!

We are pleased that the review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan has commenced, but we are disappointed that no further information has been provided yet to inform the review. On behalf of our 26 member groups, we respectfully request a response to the following questions by mid-January, so that we can engage our contacts and members in the LSPP review with the best information available.

1. Is the Ministry planning to release any other reporting data about Lake Simcoe? How should people be answering questions about policy and implementation in the absence of comprehensive analysis and information about the results of actions to date and the effectiveness of current approaches?
2. Is your office maintaining that the Minister's 10 year Report on Lake Simcoe provided the background information necessary to inform the review?
3. What is the timing of the science forum and will members of the public be invited to attend?
4. How many town halls are you planning, what are the dates, who is invited, and can people ask questions?
5. Could you please share the research done to date on the effectiveness and cost per Kg of Phosphorus removed by various Best Management Practices (BMPs) used since the LSPP came into force in 2009?
6. Related, has the Simcoe Phosphorus Offset Program been studied? Please share the results.
7. Is the Ministry planning to update the Phosphorus Reduction Strategy? It was released in 2010 with 5-year reviews, which would make 2020 a review year. It would streamline the process if the province updated the Phosphorus Reduction Strategy at the same time as

the LSPP. But if your Ministry is planning a different process for the Phosphorus Reduction Strategy review, please advise.

8. Where do the Lake Simcoe Science and Lake Simcoe Coordinating Committees fit into the consultation? And are they getting information that other stakeholders will not get?

Thank you for replying to our questions by mid January.

Sincerely,



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*The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition is a lake-wide member-based organization, representing 26 groups in the Lake Simcoe watershed, that provides leadership and inspires people to take action to protect Lake Simcoe. [www.rescuelakesimcoe.org](http://www.rescuelakesimcoe.org)*

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