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For discussion at 9am, via teams.

Michelle, I don't think we need to share this tonight with MO. We can walk him through it in the morning.

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Attached is a revised Options paper (breaking out the response plan into its own item for clarity), and some speaking points.

Re: DFAA mitigation stream– that is not an option for McConnell because of the limited eligible response costs.

Mark



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[Guidelines for the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements - Interpretation Bulletin 7: 15% Mitigation Enhancements \(publicsafety.gc.ca\)](#)

I was always thinking that this would be a good tool with the McConnell Lakes.

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Thank you for this, Mark.

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FYI – Attached (for Tuesday’s 9am Min briefing) is the Background Note on the McConnell Lake issues (developed with IDB).

Thanks,

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*Key Messages*

YG has decided not to proceed with any of the specific long-term mitigation options examined by CAP.

YG proposes to increase the area ground water data – and to use that data to support residents in proactively responding to future high-water events.

Residents should be encouraged to continue to take the mitigation measures that work best for their own property. A number of residents have done that work, and we encourage those efforts to continue.

YG would like to work with residents on site-specific response planning – so that materials needed (sandbags, superbags, etc), can be quickly deployed when needed.

*Additional Messages*

In reviewing the work by Tetra-Tech and CAP, it is clear that there is still a lot of uncertainty on the water situation impacting McConnell Lake area.

The mitigation options proposed are complex, costly and may not actually be the address future high-water issues.

Water Resources Branch will work to correlate groundwater, snowpack, freshet surge, and winter discharge. Pulling this data together is key in being able to make early decisions on preparing for high-water events.

After Water Resource Branch has collected “real-time” data for one-year, they can present their findings to the Mount Lorne LAC – to help ensure residents have a better picture of the overall water situation.

Having additional monitoring of the ground water is a foundational step that is needed to inform response plans.

Response planning would include drawing on the experience of residents. The completed response plans would detail the type of items needed (ex. superbags, pumps, sandbags), the location and arrangement for these items (ex. access roads), and the type of steps that should be taken on private property (ex. sumps, berms etc).



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