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## **MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Chair and Directors, Committee of the Whole

**And To:** Choose an item.

**From:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

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**Subject:** Inland Water – Speed Restrictions – Local Processes

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### **Item for Discussion:**

We have received a request to undertake the process to restrict boat speed on Wilson Lake, located in Electoral Area L.

### **Background:**

We have received a request to initiate the process to place speed restrictions on a local lake – Wilson Lake in Electoral Area L. The concerns raised with boat traffic on Wilson Lake are largely related to wakes and shoreline damage. There is a specific concern with possible interference with bird nesting sites.

Wilson Lake is in the Interlakes area, and just northeast of Bridge Lake. It is a small lake, approximately 1.3 km in length and 325 meters in width.

The request is for speed and or horsepower restrictions.

Travel on navigable waters is Federal jurisdiction. Current Transport Canada speed restrictions, which apply to all navigable waters restrict you to 10 km/hr within 30 metres of shore.

We have attached the guidelines for a local government to initiate a further speed restriction on navigable waters. They are quite demanding and include extensive public consultation in order to satisfy Federal requirements. It is our feeling that undertaking such a project should be identified as a business plan goal for this reason.

### **Attachments:**

- A map of the area in question.
- The guidelines produced by the Federal Government outlining the process to be followed.