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Subject: Real-Time Water Data for Christie Lake and Surrounding Areas

Dear Bruce,

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 2021, on behalf of the Christie Lake Association, respecting real-time water data for Christie Lake and surrounding areas. I am in agreement with you that this data, which is collected by public, tax-dollar-funded entities, should be available to the public in real-time, whenever possible (especially since the equipment and dissemination methods are already in place, capable of doing this, and have done, for the most part, for many years).

To address this matter, my staff and I will undertake the following actions:

1. I will put your questions, and some of my own, directly to the minister responsible for Parks Canada and the Water Survey of Canada, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson. I will also include your letter, to ensure your concerns are delivered directly to the minister in your own words, unfiltered by me or my staff.
2. My staff will attempt to contact Water Survey Canada and Parks Canada at other, sub-ministerial levels to see if the answers they provide to me are the same as those provided to you, and to attempt to procure additional information that may be useful.
3. I will ask my staff to do the research necessary to draft and introduce a bill in the House of Commons to ensure this data is always made available to the public in real-time, whenever possible, if a bill is the best or necessary step needed to ensure this happens.
4. At my first opportunity, I will put these questions to the department, Environment and Climate Change Canada, through a formal mechanism the MPs have to demand timely answers from the government, known as a written or "order paper" question.

I have previously provided your association with the results of an order paper question in June 2019, after you, Gordon Hill, Shawn Morrison, and I were discussing historical water levels and data. The result of that question is available online

here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RRM_wYaT9IM5FG2626oDdHbqBkQqxNun/view?usp=sharing

If I am re-elected at the expected general election, I will submit these questions. Order paper questions must be answered by the department within 45 calendar days of the questions being put to it. As you noted in your letter, the House of Commons was then on its summer recess---and of course, we are now in a federal general election. Since the House may not sit again until mid-October, we will not be able to submit

a question until that time. This will start the 45-day clock, which means that we are unlikely to receive a response through this mechanism until sometime in December, at the earliest.

Please feel free to contact me or my staff on this or other matters at any time.

Sincerely,

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