



**Minister of Economic Development, Investment,  
Trade and Natural Resources**

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Honourable Minister Steven Guilbeault  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
House of Commons  
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Dear Minister Guilbeault:

Our government learned yesterday that Parks Canada is considering closing Clear Lake to all boat traffic, including canoes and kayaks, for the 2024 season. We are urging you to abandon this decision and to continue to allow boat traffic to operate in a responsible way for the 2024 season.

Our government is deeply concerned by the lack of consultation from Parks Canada with communities, residents, businesses, and local and Indigenous governments before undertaking this important decision.

The decision to close the lake to boat traffic will have a significant impact on Clear Lake residents, its tourism sector, the local economy, and families across Manitoba. The Manitoba government understands Clear Lake and its marina is a destination spot for Manitobans who enjoy boating activities and fishing.

We request that you reconsider this decision and undergo a fulsome engagement process with local businesses, residents and provincial representatives. The Government of Manitoba offers our full cooperation, as well as funds from our recently announced Budget 2024 increased investment in aquatic invasive species prevention, in order to ensure that Clear Lake can remain open.

I look forward to your swift and appropriate response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jamie Moses".

Honourable Jamie Moses  
Minister of Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources