

October 1, 2015

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RE: Eramosa River East-Channel Upper Dam, Eden Mills

Dear Linda,

Thank you for your letter of August 24, 2015 regarding the Eramosa River east-channel upper dam in Eden Mills. MNR staff have reviewed the letter and provide the following clarification.

The Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act was enacted in 1927. It is our understanding that the east channel dam was built before 1927 (approximately 1842). As such the dam predates the legislation and the MNR recognize it as a legal structure.

The October 6, 2014 letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) to Mr. Simons states:

"The existing Upper Dam structure and the adjacent rock rubbles structure on the Main Branch are both unauthorized construction that served to hold back water and divert flow. It is understood that these were constructed after 1991."

This quotation is referring to the fact that the construction work at the Eramosa River east-channel dam in 1991 and 2012 were not authorized by the MNR. This quotation also refers to the fact that the construction work in the adjacent main branch (rock rubble dam) was not authorized by the MNR.

The May 29, 2015 letter from the MNR to Mr. Schubert does state:

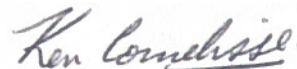
"a solution for the Ministry and land owner to resolve the ongoing effects of this unauthorized structure on East Channel flow and river habitat"

This quote is restating the question Kent had sent in his email of Tuesday May 19, 2015, so this statement is attributed to Kent Schubert.

Regards,



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