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**Subject:** FW: WASA appeal to take this application for a VORR at Wasa Lake forward to Transport Canada

**Attachments:** WASADatafinalPDF.pdf; WASA safety cmt combo copy.docx; VORR survey Wasa Lake (2) copy 2.pdf; CO letter -Wasa Safety Advocates Letter (1).pdf; RCMP Wasa Area Safety Letter (1) copy.pdf; I am a property owner at the north end of the lake and I am in favour of considering a slow zone there.docx

Hello Jane,

As you know the Wasa Area Safety Advocates (WASA) have been working hard for the past 7 years towards an application for a VORR of 10Kms/hour within 15% of Wasa Lake, (North bay and Ida's bay). We began educating the community and attempting to increase the safety for all users through informative signage and buoys reminding of the existing 10 km/hour zone within 30 metres of shore for all lakes in Canada.

We were advised during a zoom meeting with Boating Safety staff at Transport Canada to follow the survey example provided to us by the Whistler municipality. We were further advised that this survey should be completed by at least 400 people and that it should be done between May and the end of July in order to compile and submit the results in time for consideration to Transport Canada. Knowing that this would involve a great number of hours of volunteer labour, or be extremely costly to ask the RDEK to do this large amount of work, we distributed the survey during the spring and summer of 2021. Results indicate that 73.5% of the more than 400 respondents are in favour of this VORR. As you know, a very small number of respondents were opposed and after destroying some surveys, they made considerable noise directed at WASA volunteers, yourself, the RDEK and even Boating Safety staff. We do not believe that the disturbance created by this small number of individuals should override the dire need to make Wasa Lake safer for all users of the lake. The intention here is to provide a safe zone within 15% of this small lake, leaving 85% of the lake for motorized users to utilize at their desired speed.

We ask that the RDEK read over the attached documents, which meet the requirements for a VORR application, according to our understanding from Boating Safety. As the survey results indicated that almost 400 persons support this VORR, we are hopeful that the RDEK will submit this VORR application in order to protect all future users of Wasa Lake. One person has been killed by a motorboat and at least one other seriously injured in Wasa Lake.

Let us work together to be proactive in protecting all users of Wasa Lake and preventing any more deaths or injuries in the heavily utilized North bay and Ida's bay areas.

Please call me for any information or to discuss this. We would be very willing to come and present this VORR application and supporting documents to the RDEK board.

Thanks so much for your support,  
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