

# ORDER

*Pursuant to Subsections 23(1) and 11(5) of the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*

**To: Renfrew Power Generation Inc**  
32 Bridge Avenue West,  
Renfrew, ON K7V 3R2

WHEREAS I am advised that you are the owner of the dam at the southern end of Reach 8, as it is known in the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan, at the southeast end of Round Lake, known as Tramore Dam;

AND WHEREAS I am advised that, while current data suggests that the level of risk of runoff and flood potential (i.e. watershed conditions) for the Bonnechere River is low at this time, the potential for flooding is dependent on a number of factors and that conditions can change unexpectedly;

AND WHEREAS I am advised that the snow water equivalent for the area is currently between 125-150mm, or 100-125% of normal and that snow melt is highly dependent on weather;

AND WHEREAS I am advised that high spring water levels in Round Lake have in the past contributed to damage to shoreline properties including erosion, loss of shoreline, loss of trees, and flooding of basements;

AND WHEREAS I am advised that the target fall draw down level as approved in the October 2019 amendment to the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan was not achieved in 2019;

AND WHEREAS I am advised that draw down must commence immediately for the lower limit of the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan to be achievable before the spring freshet;

AND WHEREAS under Subsection (1) of Section 23 of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, I am of the opinion that this order is necessary or expedient for the purposes of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*;

AND WHEREAS under Subsection (5) of Section 11 of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, I am of the opinion that this order is immediately necessary to protect property from damage;

NOW THEREFORE, under Subsections 23(1) and 11(5) of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, you are hereby ordered to do the following:

1. Draw down water levels in Round Lake, at a rate of 4-8cm per week, no lower than the currently approved lower limit in the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan of 169.6m;
2. Operate in a manner that will limit negative impacts to downstream reaches, including Golden Lake;
3. Reduce or limit drawdown when conditions at Golden Lake are such that operations at Round Lake become constrained, or back-flooding occurs;
4. Post or maintain signs as soon as practicably possible so as to be clearly visible in daylight under normal conditions from the approach to each ordinary public point of access to Round Lake, advising of changing water levels;
5. Return operations back to within the typical operating regime set out in the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan by June 1, 2020, or earlier if conditions allow.

AND TAKE NOTICE that if you fail to take such steps as ordered above, the Minister may cause to be taken such steps as are necessary to achieve the result intended by the order, and the cost thereof is a debt due by the owner to the Crown and is recoverable with costs in any court of competent jurisdiction;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that failure to comply with this order within the times described is an offence under subsection 28(2)(a) of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*;

Dated this 26th day of February 2020.



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John Yakabuski

Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry