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Mr. Ken Watson
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Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for your correspondence of April 6, 2021, addressed to the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau and myself and enclosing your submission on the Rideau Canal National Historic Site Management Plan. I have personally reviewed it and appreciate the significant time and effort you put into the review of the draft plan.

You pointed out a number of areas where you think the plan and the process can be improved and Parks Canada will take these recommendations into consideration, along with input gathered through the public and Indigenous consultation process.

I understand, as well, that you have discussed many of these subjects with the Ontario Waterways Field Unit previously. Should you have further questions about the Rideau Canal National Historic Site management plan or about operations on the Rideau Canal, please continue to contact Mr. David Britton, Director for Ontario Waterways. He can be contacted at david.britton@canada.ca.

To discuss your concerns related to the Parks Canada Management Planning process and format, please contact Mr. Denis Dufour, Manager for Management Planning Policy and Operations at denis.dufour@canada.ca.

Regarding your perspectives concerning the heritage conservation program within Parks Canada, I encourage you to speak with Dr. Patricia Kell, Executive Director for Cultural Heritage. She can be reached at patricia.kell@canada.ca.

I appreciate having had this opportunity to respond to your concerns.

Sincerely,

Ron Hallman