



## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

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Honourable Nathan Cullen  
Minister of Water, Land and  
Resource Stewardship

via email: [WLRS.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:WLRS.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Honourable George Heyman  
Minister of Environment and  
Climate Change Strategy

via email: [ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Ministers:

Re: Increased Prevention of Invasive Species Spreading in Waterways

On behalf of City of Vernon Council, I would like to extend sincere appreciation for the provincial order effective May 17, 2024 that makes it illegal to transport watercraft in British Columbia with the drain plug still in place.

This pull-the-plug regulation by the Province of British Columbia, to keep invasive mussels out of BC waterways, is an important step forward. The City of Vernon is very happy to see the Province answering the call for urgent action to prevent the spread of invasive species and protect our waterways.

Sincerely,

Victor I. Cumming  
Mayor

Copy: City of Vernon Council  
MLA Harwinder Sandhu