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**Save Georgian Bay Announces Partnership with Small Change Fund**

*Donations to support the protection of Georgian Bay now eligible for charitable tax receipts.*

Meaford, ON – Save Georgian Bay (“SGB”) has partnered with the Small Change Fund to protect Georgian Bay and the Niagara Escarpment. Moving forward, supporters of SGB will be receiving tax receipts for their contributions.

TC Energy, the Calgary-based company best known for oil and gas projects, has targeted the military base near Meaford and Georgian Bay for a massive Pumped Storage Project. Every night, 23 billion liters (or 9,200 Olympic-sized swimming pools) will be sucked out of Georgian Bay and pumped 150m up the Escarpment and dumped into a massive 375-acre reservoir. The plan is to flush that water back down the Escarpment and into the Bay during the day, generating electricity. A similar project in Ludington, Michigan killed over 150 million fish per year.

SBC objects to using public land that was expropriated by the Department of National Defence (“DND”) from local residents during WWII and dedicated to national security. After conducting an investigation, that SGB accessed via a Freedom of Information Request, DND appears to have serious concerns about the project’s negative impact on the environment due to outdated and inefficient technology.

There are 15 animal species at risk recorded on the Base whose habitat could be destroyed or compromised, both from construction activity and potential displacement of 375 acres in proximity to The Niagara Escarpment Biosphere.

“Our partnership with Small Change Fund will significantly increase our reach and ability to stop this project,” said Tom Buck, a Director of Save Georgian Bay. “Taking on a company like TC Energy is a challenging undertaking for a grassroots and volunteer organization like ours. We are grateful that Small Change Fund has agreed to collaborate with us to supplement our passion and dedication.”

The access to additional funding will help SGB’s plans to elevate the scope of this campaign. In addition to the group’s increased focus on reaching politicians at all levels of government, environmental lawyer David Donnelly has agreed to support SGB’s plans and ambitions.

“Save Georgian Bay supports sustainable energy projects and infrastructure,” added Tom Buck. “But we oppose inefficient projects that use outdated technology and that may damage Ontario’s environment forever. TC Energy’s project could be devastating for the environment and must be stopped.”

Donations to SGB’s ‘Save the Bay’ initiative can be made via the Small Change Fund website.

<https://smallchangefund.ca/project/save-the-bay/>

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*Save Georgian Bay (SGB) is a group of concerned, local citizens that opposes the TC Energy Pumped Storage Project near Meaford, ON. SGB is a volunteer organization that is funded entirely through donations from the public: SaveGeorgianBay.ca*

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