

## LETTERS & NOTES. Send your letters or notes to news@PortDoverMapleLeaf.com or mail to 351 Main St., Port Dover N0A 1N0

### “Fixing Misner Dam is essential on so many levels” says writer

*This letter was sent to Mayor Chopp and Norfolk County Council with a copy to the Maple Leaf.*

IN the Maple Leaf of June 17, 2020 a letter from Dr. Bruce Bowyer asked that the repairs to Misner Dam be reassessed.

In my opinion, if the good Doctor had a clear understanding or just a plain old basic understanding of the long-term operational and financial benefits of Misner Dam to Port Dover’s residents, industry, harbour, tourism, recreation, businesses, children, the envi-

ronment and property taxes he might wish to rethink and support the repairs.

He commented that “Misner Dam blocks the natural migration of fish...”. Really?? Duh! The last time fish migrated up that part of the Lynn River was over 120 years ago and there are a hell of a lot more operational and financial benefits to the visitors and people of Port Dover that will result from fixing the dam than to have a few fish swim up the river to nowhere.

And as for Misner Dam blocking the efforts to improve

water quality in the Lynn River Watershed I suggest Dr. Bowyer read up on all the crap that the municipalities upstream continue to dump in the Lynn River... granted it is getting cleaner.

The biggest benefit of the Misner Dam is that it protects the water levels and the costly operational damages caused by silting in the Lynn River, Black Creek, the Port Dover Harbour, the fish tug basin and the Port Dover Marina.

Fixing Misner Dam is essential on so many levels. Trying to stop the beneficial process

of repair to the Misner Dam is detrimental in so many ways.

And as someone who has sailed, swam, fished, water-skied, played hockey, ice skated, raced ice boats, canoed, snorkeled and learned about the

environment in, on and around Silver Lake for many, many years I look forward to it being fully restored.

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Repairs to Misner Dam were started earlier this summer.