

**Q8 Do you support the present status quo established by the 'Go Quiet' by-law as the standard of acceptable for use of the Welland Recreational Waterway? (you may copy and paste your answer from a word processing program for legibility purposes)**

Answered: 956 Skipped: 85

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes-Please explain why	73.43% 702
No-Please explain why	27.09% 259

#	Yes-Please explain why	Date
1	Because there is not many Scuba Diving park is any that's is not gated or free to use at any time. I am from Toronto and do travel to the Welland Scuba park because it's one of a kind! I support the Go Quiet theme and in addition of perhaps a stairs can be added to help with new novice Divers.	5/30/2017 12:59 AM
2	Yes - more people can enjoy the water way when motor boats are not in the water (fishing, swimming, diving, kayaking , etc). We are surrounded by lakes. Why would a boater wish to go up and down the canal when they could use an entire lake.	4/24/2017 8:16 PM
3	Much time, effort and money have Deen dedicated to the go quiet by law. It's working. It would be counterintuitive to revert back. I'm not sure there would be a good way to reinclude power craft	4/22/2017 11:52 AM
4	Quiet recreation is desirable. Wake damage is probable.	4/20/2017 4:48 PM
5	Numerous reports have indicated damage to shoreline, and ecosystem by allowing motorized vehicles, and shows no economic benefits only costs to open this up	4/19/2017 4:35 PM
6	100% there is no need for any of the above points outlined in number 7 to be permitted on the Welland Recreational Waterway. The city has newly promoted the use of canoe, kayak, rowing etc. on the waterway. More and more people in the community are taking advantage of using these water craft. To allow for motorized vehicles would complicate the use with non-motorized vehicles...there is the potential of an accident to happen given the small area of the canal. In addition, who will Police patrol the Waterway on a regular basis to ensure that people have their boat liscence and that they are not driving under the influence. On another note, canal the wall specifically near the downtown core cope with the longterm affects of water wakes as a result of heavy motorized boat use. I have yet to see any repair work being done on these walls specifically where the canal and river meet. Who will be responsible for the repair work when this needs to be done. Has any engineer assessment been done to determine if this is viable? Who is going to be accountable when something happens?	4/18/2017 3:48 PM
7	Better for the environment, protecting canal banks, noise issues	4/17/2017 11:40 AM
8	Yes, keep it as is.	4/16/2017 4:48 PM
9	No noise no fuel	4/16/2017 1:21 PM
10	It's quiet and beautiful. Loud motor boats would ruin it.	4/16/2017 9:20 AM
11	Because boaters have so many other options in Niagara.	4/15/2017 9:28 AM
12	Motor boats will only increase noise and safety problems. If you want to drive a motor boat or jet ski, go to one of the lakes.	4/14/2017 8:45 AM
13	Yes, daughter rows with high school	4/13/2017 2:49 PM
14	Yes - allowing motorized watercraft (i feel) will destroy this amazing area. We are fortunate to have such a gem. A lot of hard work has been put into making this a gem! I'd rather see energy used to enhance the uniqueness of this area than into allowign motorized watercraft. We have something special here, realize it!	4/13/2017 1:51 PM
15	Unsure	4/13/2017 5:51 AM
16	If motor vehicles of any kind are permitted someone WILL get hurt. Just look at all the atvs dirt bikes etc on the trail. I	4/12/2017 11:44 PM

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17	Yes--- how could you possibly ensure safety what about noise drinking and annoyance of boats	4/12/2017 5:04 PM
18	This bylaw has protected the recreational canal from shoreline erosion and the low noise level contributes to a pleasant environment for those using the waterway and the related walkways	4/12/2017 4:06 PM
19	Yes the old canal is too small making it too dangerous for motorized watercraft	4/12/2017 10:01 AM
20	Motorized vehicles would do damage to the water way and make it unsafe for diving and swimming	4/11/2017 8:36 PM
21	YES. I CAN HEAR YOUR CONCERTS IN MY YARD FROM THE ISLAND DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL. THE LAST THING I NEED TO LISTEN TO IS BOAT MOTORS, JET SKIS OR SEADOOS. I HAVE CANOED IN A CANAL THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE NO WAKE AND HAD TO TURN INTO THE WAKE TO AVOID BEING SWAMPED BY A BOAT OPERATOR AND HIS FAMILY SMILING AT ME AS I STRUGGLED TO KEEP THE WATER OUT OF THE CANOE AND THEY WERE SMILING.	4/11/2017 8:02 PM
22	Yes- the Welland River is available for those wishing to use motorized boats, etc. The Canal is nice to have a quiet paddle or go fishing without the noise and pollution caused by motorized vehicles.	4/7/2017 10:02 AM
23	Yes	4/6/2017 2:24 PM
24	We do not need loud, polluting motorized craft on the waterway. There would be very little upside to this, but a downside to any swimmer, kayaker, or hiker who wants some peace and quiet, and without the danger, noise, smell, gas and oil from boats.	4/6/2017 11:42 AM
25	I live close to the canal and motor boats make excessive amounts of noise.	4/4/2017 2:03 PM
26	the habitat for many species such as jellies turtles and other vegetation has thrived on the lack of power boats churning the water, creating wake, and leaching gas and oil into the water.	4/4/2017 10:19 AM
27	I like the current family friendly activities like canoeing, concerts. More appealing to bigger population, showcases and preserves the natural beauty of the waterway. i urge the city to not make this decision about revenue money generated by permits. Look at other international cities - Prague, Amsterdamm etc. they have a very lively waterfront without motorized traffic	4/4/2017 12:59 AM
28	Keep our drinking water supply safe, keep current in-water and on-surface users safe, protect flora and fauna on and under the water	4/3/2017 8:45 AM
29	We live in condos on the canal.Also Canada Geese are always here and they have hatch their eggs nearby and raise their chicks in front of our condo.	4/2/2017 8:09 PM
30	It allows for more users and for environmental reasons	4/2/2017 1:15 PM
31	This practice in reality has actually expanded the use of the canal relative to the uses while motorized boats were allowed. Environmentally the current status is best without argument from any source as far as I have seen in research and this includes wildlife. Motorized boats represent surveillance issues re licensed boaters which would result in additional cost. The introduction of Float Fest is just one of many events that over time will result in continued renewed interest in the Canal City since the recreational canal is our claim to uniqueness in the Niagara Region. Events have also provided volunteer experiences to young and old alike and have actually appealed to volunteers across the region and even the province.	4/2/2017 11:44 AM
32	This waterway is a core part of the city. The addition of motorized watercraft will only lessen the world class waterway we have. Any city would kill to have a waterway like this so close to there city center. We need to keep it safe and push for more world class events to bring more people into welland.	4/1/2017 12:59 AM
33	eliminates noisy boats and irresponsible PWC operators	3/31/2017 10:24 PM
34	Safety and noise.	3/31/2017 7:43 PM
35	.	3/31/2017 6:22 PM

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36	I enjoy walking the islands trails and bird watching quietly. I enjoy packing a picnic and making use of one of the many firepits, eating dinner along the water peacefully. I love bike riding along the water and looking at the scenery. I am grateful to be able to take my niece to the canal to swim on a hot day, where we can play in the water peacefully & safely (as long as we wear water shoes and watch out for all the broken alcohol bottles;I bring garbage bags on walks and do my best to pick up glass that I see). I think my 8 year old labs favorite thing to do anyday is frolic along the waters edge of the canal. I cant remember how many times Ive grabed a blanket and a book, colouring book, or a camera and gone to sit along the canal on a park bench. Sundays mean no transit in or out of the city, if you dont have a vehicle, there is not much to do. The canal and island is always there to enjoy peacefully. Motorized vehicles on the waterway would call on a need for police patrol boats to monotor citizens. I just can not see motorized vehicles on the canal working out to be a positive thing environmentally or for the people who love to use the waterway quietly. My response to my home town is often met with 'eww Welland'. My reply is always a firm 'I love it there! The rec canal is amazing and peacful. I love that I can take my dog there to swim anytime. I love biking along the water quietly, stopping to take pictures of birds. Welland is amazing!' Please dont take away the go quiet by law, I and so many others love our beautiful nature filled paradise filled with the sounds of nature.	3/31/2017 2:23 AM
37	Yes, protecting the ecosystem, would make present uses ( kayaking, canoeing, swimming etc ) all unsafe. The noise would not be acceptable to have motorized water vehicles!! Just all wrong for the canal!!	3/30/2017 9:13 PM
38	Keep noise pollution down, environmental concern with motorized vehicles, safety concerns with motorized vehicles	3/30/2017 9:12 PM
39	We thoroughly enjoy the canal. When there were motorized boats etc in th canal it was unsafe, noisy, can't fish.	3/30/2017 9:11 PM
40	There are a lot of activities that currently happen on the canal that would be utterly disrupted by allowing motorboats in the canal. There is not room for both.	3/29/2017 10:23 PM
41	Yes. It is important that we protect our water, and the Eco-system along the canal.	3/29/2017 8:07 PM
42	Yes. Power boats, SeaDoos, etc conflict with more passive uses and enjoyment of the waterway.	3/28/2017 10:27 PM
43	I love using the SUPs, such a great beach like atmosphere down by the docks	3/28/2017 8:53 PM
44	Yes. The waterway is a perfect place for all of its present uses.	3/28/2017 6:45 PM
45	Power boats are too noisy. Increased risk of accidents	3/28/2017 3:25 PM
46	Mostly for safety reasons. With two lakes on either side of us there is no reason for that much traffic on the recreational waterway.	3/28/2017 1:35 PM
47	Yes. The canal is used consistently by persons who use kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and simming. I cannot think that motor boats would be safe in any situation. Also, previously the topic of erosion was a cause for this by-law, where will the money come from to repair the damage done by powerboats.	3/28/2017 1:22 PM
48	abuse ,noise and enforcement problems and costs	3/28/2017 11:29 AM
49	It works	3/28/2017 10:24 AM
50	The calm waters on the canal is what makes Welland such a desirable venue for rowing and other flatwater events. Any boat traffic on the canal will introduce wake to the waterway making it less pristine for flatwater events. A few years ago, I would have been supportive of allowing boat traffic on the north end of the canal. Now with the Pen Financial rental center and ND boathouse, both sides of the canal are used for recreational, non motorized purposes. There is no place where boat traffic can currently be allowed without interfering with recreational activities. Additionally, we already have flatwater infrastructure in place (WIFC). We do not have the infrastructure to support motorized boats. Even if we had the space for motorized boats, why invest in additional infrastructure rather than instead continue to improve on the flatwater infrastructure we already have and are well known and respected for? To conclude, the recreational waterway is the most unique thing about Welland. It's a hub of recreational activity. It promotes healthy lifestyles. It's clean, quiet and promotes natural ecosystems. Allowing boat traffic would be detrimental to the recreational activities of Welland's citizens, and damage our growing reputation as a world class venue for flatwater events.	3/28/2017 10:11 AM
51	The peace and safety now are in danger, I feel secure when there are non motorized boats or other motorized transportations on the water.The power of this " Go Quiet" Bylaw is in the name; Go Quiet.Please keep it this way.	3/27/2017 1:02 PM
52	yes because my dwelling faces the waterway	3/27/2017 12:05 PM
53	I am the General Manager of St. Charles Village. A 30 year local community for seniors. If you were to lift the Go Quiet by-law, my residents would not be able to enjoy the peace and quiet they deserve and to which they have become accustomed to. It was my residents who asked me to speak on their behalf.	3/27/2017 11:54 AM
54	Quiet and peaceful and so relaxing. Also no wake so great for SUP. Why ruin a great thing?	3/27/2017 11:53 AM
55	Yes the rowing needs to have flat surfaces to row on. Keeps high school students doing a sport that Welland needs!! Also because the waterways are peaceful currently and there are open body lakes nearby for motorized use.	3/27/2017 6:15 AM

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56	Yes, it is the safest for the athletes on the water	3/26/2017 10:59 PM
57	Motor boats would be a disaster for the local water clubs	3/26/2017 9:06 PM
58	I think modification would make some sense on the north course only. Inc the south course the rowers use the waterway daily for 6+ hours for the entire season the course is open. There are numerous high performance athletes that benefit from this daily use. While some may be from outside Welland that is only for the better - the course draws people from outside Welland to the city. The north course could conceivably be shared with athletic activities or events having first right of refusal	3/26/2017 8:27 PM
59	I do. For one, I believe the city has invested a lot of money in the development of a world class athletics facility and to begin to make steps that move away from it's use is complete non-sense. The city needs to continue with consistency. Further, there are many other available bodies of water in the local area that motorized boats could be used on.	3/26/2017 7:30 PM
60	Yes. Safety of rowers & embankment recession	3/26/2017 2:54 PM
61	I do support the current status quo of the "go quiet" bylaw. I've spent a lot of time in the last decade on the canal, I've swam, kayaked, rowed and coached on those waters. I believe if people participating in recreational activities on the waterway had to compete with motor boats that would decrease participation in the recreational activities from disturbing the water if they are reckless and create unsafe conditions if they are speeding. I'm not sure who would enforce safety between all users of the waterways. The waterway is one of the best places to row in Canada, maybe even in North America. I've rowed on over 30 from Victoria B.C, Oklahoma City, Atlanta, to Boston. One example I have is that during the same day the Canadian Secondary School National Championships were being delayed and cancelled on St Catharines on Martindale Pond from high winds and unsafe rowing conditions I was coaching 13-14 year old novice rowers in small boats on the welland canal with only a little extra precaution. The waterway is a great facility and I think it would be a mistake to take away a big reason what makes the water great to row/kayak/canoe on.	3/26/2017 12:49 PM
62	It allows a wide variety of non- motorized uses. Allowing motorized usage will create a hazard for all of these uses. There are many other nearby waterways that permit motorized uses.	3/26/2017 12:35 PM
63	Safety for the rowing program to practise and race would be compromised.	3/26/2017 12:18 PM
64	Right now it is a much sought after flatware centre that is currently used by so many people including potential Olympic athletes. It's very difficult to find such a great facility that isn't bothered by motor boats. There are numerous waterways open to boaters in Ontario, I don't see the need to open this to more traffic when it is just wide enough now for those presently using it.	3/26/2017 11:32 AM
65	rowing	3/26/2017 11:16 AM
66	I accept this bylaw as it allows rowers and canoers access to the canal without being surrounded and overcome by larger boats. I was a rower with the south Niagara rowing club and it is a huge learning curve to learn how to row. If motorized boats were allowed access to the waterways during practice, it would have hindered our learning and there would likely be a lot of damaged and collisions due to the lack of space on the course. The rowing club was the best part of my time in high school. Expansion of this bylaw will create a lot of unnecessary conflict and prevent high school students learning to row from having a safe, uninterrupted space to learn and escape to.	3/26/2017 11:07 AM
67	Yes	3/26/2017 10:23 AM
68	Yes: 1- safety for those using the waterway on man powered crafts (rowing,canoes, swimming) 2- preservation of the waterway, since this bylaw came into place the water quality, amount of wildlife and plant life has increased. 3- I also run along the path following the canal and since the bylaw has come into affect the amount of people using the canal for various modes of recreation is significantly more than before. From children and their parents to serious athletes to those weekend warriors trying to stay affect. It's my favourite place to run in the summer because of the fact of exciting it is to see so many people using the waterway and surrounding area to get outside and be active :) 4- We are fortunate to live in an area where the opportunities to launch a motorized boat are numerous, and on open water like the Great Lakes there is more space to safely operate these crafts	3/26/2017 10:19 AM
69	Yes. Some existing activity are nor compatible with motorized ones. Life for plants, fish, and animals will change with the injection of the combustion byproducts.	3/26/2017 9:39 AM
70	When participating in activities on the water, it is comforting to know that my family is safe from motor boats, it will be quiet and peaceful time on the water, and any time that there are swimmers or scuba divers, that they will be safe from distracted motor boat drivers.	3/26/2017 9:05 AM
71	Maintain athlete safety and keeping the waters clean	3/26/2017 9:03 AM
72	Yes, the canal is a small, contained body of water with amazing resources for non motorized recreational sports. Allowing motors would ruin the usability of the canal for rowing, canoe, kayak and swimming because of large wakes and limited space.	3/26/2017 8:41 AM

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73	Yes. Rowing and canoeing for health and fitness reasons. Rowing was a major part of my high school life and wouldn't want to see that type of experience compromised for future athletes.	3/26/2017 8:38 AM
74	Welland is known for it's world class flatwater for rowing, canoeing, kayaking and more. Adding the ability for motorized vehicles on the water would be distructive for these events and may discourage participants from other areas to attend these events, thus the city woukd see a decline in hotel and restaurant occupancy. My child rows with the SNRC and adding motorized vehicles, especially to the south course could prove to be challenging and dangerous for the athletes. Rowers require smooth flat water for their sport.	3/26/2017 8:31 AM
75	Yes. The WRW as it stands is a huge asset to Welland and a world recognized venue. To allow motorized watercraft would be to lose all the non motorized activities. Perhaps more could be done to let	3/26/2017 7:37 AM
76	There are 2 lakes nearby for use by motorized vehicles. This is a unique area where non-motorized boats and sports can be used safely	3/26/2017 3:25 AM
77	Keeps it safe and quiet	3/26/2017 1:01 AM
78	Yes	3/26/2017 12:42 AM
79	Safer for non motorized sports - less shore erosion than with motorized craft	3/25/2017 11:56 PM
80	Our family is extremely involved as rowers for the South Niagara Rowing Club and the club provides a unique experience for many youth in Niagara. Our athletes are extremely successful and our course attracts athletes world wide to participate in our hosted home regattas. There is no way the current status should be changed!	3/25/2017 11:39 PM
81	Yes, I support the cutrrent status quo. It is essential that it remain so. The use of this world class flatwater facility depends entirely on the use of a waterway protected from wakes and from the operation of fast-moving watercraft. Recreational operators are not aware of the hazards they may inflict on rowers and other flatwater craft which are a substantial threat to the personal safety of all involved. There is also the fact that current rowing use and the training for rowing and other flatwater sports requires intensive daily use of this waterway for such purposes from spring ice-out until the last days before freeze up. In order to allow the local up to internationally competitive training and competition programs, it is imperative that these athletic activities have the uninterrupted availability of these waterways for such exclusive purposes. The alternative if other motorized water-craft were allowed would result in the necessary cessation of a viable competitive training facility for rowing, canoe, kayak and dragon boating. It is exactly the correct policy as it currently stands. The available water times for competitive athletic flatwater activities are completely utilized just as they are at the St. Catharines rowing facility. These are key venues that have allowed the development of so many of Canada's Olympians and other elite athletes (including my son among many others). These waterways have allowed life changing and life affirming activity for me and my family for the past 10 years and will continue to do so as I hope to be able to row on the course for many more years to come.	3/25/2017 11:35 PM
82	The SNRC has been using the south course for 40 years. It is a major training venue for competitive and recreational rowers alike. This venue is currently an extremely safe environment for these rowers to train on. Allowing motorized vehicles on this waterway could ultimately provide an unsafe environment for our children.	3/25/2017 10:44 PM
83	I love the current 'Go Quiet' nature of the canals in Welland. The ability to participate in human powered boating activities on the canal supports an active and healthy lifestyle. I hope to keep using the waters well into my senior years. As non weight bearing exercise options, kayaking and rowing are activities accessible to residents from their teens to their 90's. The paved pathways along the canals are also valuable assets that walkers, runners and bikers can enjoy peacefully. I am worried that motorized vehicles on the waterways will disrupt the flat water needed to propel canoes, kayaks or rowing boats. I'm also concerned that the noise output of motorized vehicles would take away from the enjoyment of active users on the adjacent pathways. Please maintain the status quo fo the 'Go Quiet' bylaw. I applaud the councilors who had the foresight to introduce the original by-law restricting motorized vehicles.	3/25/2017 10:29 PM
84	The growth of rowing/canoe/kayak/dragon boating and other non-motorized events promotes a healthy and active lifestyle. We should be expanding the growth of these events in this area.	3/25/2017 10:17 PM
85	Welland has the best flat water venue in the country and arguably in the world to host rowing, canoe / kayak, dragon boat, open water swim etc. The flat water centre is very busy all summer long supporting local athletes and hosting events on the waterway. For rowing, the SNRC has provided opportunities for many athletes over the years to grow and compete at the national team level. Motor boats have an abundance of waterways already to use - with two rather large lakes and the Welland River. When we have one of the best venues for training, hosting flat water events (etc) in the world, why would we want to destroy that? It would be a hard pill to swallow to see all the funds invested by the city, the province and the federal government go to waste and allow motorized boats back on to the waterway.	3/25/2017 10:13 PM
86	The calm water is something incredibly rare, for people to be able to get out on the water in canoes, rowing shells, kayaks, etc. without having to deal with the wake from powered watercrafts. Allowing powered boats onto these waterways would definitively detract from the tranquility and peacefulness it has currently while also having a significant negative impact on the athletes that currently train in the waterways because in my opinion would open up a high level of risk for accidental collision with others in the waterway.	3/25/2017 10:10 PM

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87	Yes. The flatwater areas of the Welland Recreational Waterways are one-of-a-kind gems, recognized internationally for their superiority for flatwater sports. They should be preserved as such. Flatwater sports like rowing and competitive canoeing and kayaking have no other local waterways that are suitable while motorized boats can go on the local rivers and lakes. Rowing has a rich and commendable history in Welland, please honour it and ensure that it remains available for future generations by keeping the by-law in place. Also, for a short time, I used to live alongside the waterway before the city enacted the Go Quiet by-law. The awful incessant grating-your-teeth noise of the jet skis at inhumane early hours on Sunday mornings was terrible so I got out of there fast! It was a God send when the City enacted the Go Quiet by-law. Keep it alive please!	3/25/2017 9:47 PM
88	Difficult for rowers with rec vehicle wakes	3/25/2017 9:21 PM
89	As a past coach with the South Niagara Rowing Club, I have supervised both adults and children in rowing shells on this waterway. Rowing shells are designed for speed and sport and not designed to deal with wakes from motorized watercraft and they sit low to the water, reducing their visibility. They are not perfectly stable and especially novice rowers, such as children, frequently capsize. A collision or other dangerous encounter between a rowing shell and a motorized vehicle could very well be deadly. In order to preserve the enjoyment and safety of those participating in recreational and competitive water sports the Welland Recreational Waterway should remain "go quiet". South Niagara Rowing Club has a strong rowing team and has developed many athletes that have represented Canada internationally. It would be a shame to have the best piece of flatwater in the region become a difficult or unsafe place to row.	3/25/2017 9:13 PM
90	Allowing motorized craft on the water would be hazardous to non motorized craft. People will not follow the rules and injury or death may occur.	3/25/2017 8:51 PM
91	There are many other waterways for motorized vehicles. They do not need this one.	3/25/2017 6:18 PM
92	this waterway should be preserved for non-motorized competitive and recreational water sports.....safety is a key issue	3/25/2017 3:10 PM
93	Yes...too small and busy a body of water to allow any motorized boats. Besides, there are two large lakes within 20kms that can accomodats all motorized craft of every type.	3/25/2017 12:08 PM
94	I agree to keep the "Go Quiet" by law. I believe there are plenty of waterways available to motorized vehicles. I feel we have a wonderful jewel in this waterway that we can continue to promote. It's a wonderful setting and opportunity for families to have healthy pastimes that they can do safely. I feel the risk is to great to have motorized and non motorized equipment in a confined area. I have seen multigenerational families using the rental programs. This is the Welland I would like to see promoted. Also I do not believe that things have changed from the original concerns raised that saw the 'Go Quite' by-law enacted. I look forward to the long weekend in May when I can begin to enjoy the amazing beauty and serenity of sitting in the kayak quietly paddling on this treasure that we have in our city.	3/25/2017 8:49 AM
95	Safety for swimmers and stand up paddlers and non motorized things in general	3/24/2017 7:02 PM
96	With 2 lakes and the welland and Niagara rivers all in such close proximity to the canal can it not be left as a "quiet waterway".	3/24/2017 5:12 PM
97	Able to enjoy natural surroundings in peace	3/24/2017 4:03 PM
98	Yes - motorized boats not only affect water use but adjacent parkland use - noise, smell (exhaust), etc.	3/24/2017 2:26 PM
99	we do not mix huge trucks to be in smaller residential streets...we should not allow motorized craft on canal with the human powered craft. keep as is. are we going to allow ATV in parks now, too?	3/24/2017 1:38 PM
100	the current waterways are enjoyable and do not disturb those of us who actually live on the waterway. expanding use for motorized equipment with be extremely disruptive to residents	3/24/2017 1:10 PM
101	We use the path facilities on a regular basis and have so much appreciated the beautiful setting that we have in Welland.We have also greatly appreciated the absence of noise that would be generated by any type of motorized vehicle .The status quo suits us fine.	3/24/2017 12:55 PM
102	Safety concerns due to reckless use of jet skies, sea doos, and power boats and shore erosion	3/24/2017 11:23 AM
103	Yes. Because of the noise and the pollution. The gas smell stays and hangs among the trees. All the children at the PFCC would be in danger.	3/24/2017 9:24 AM
104	Yes. I think the waterway should remain as a "Go Quiet" standard as it is safer for the participants to use. Motor boats have many other waterways to use.	3/24/2017 9:12 AM
105	yes I do because the water way is not that wideand if you have sea doos and water skiers whipping up and down the water way it would be difficult for kayakers and rowers to be on the water and besides that we have lake ontario and lake erie extremely close by anyone can go there for fishing or water skiing or sea dooing so why must we have this on the recreational canal as well.	3/24/2017 9:11 AM
106	safety concerns noise and air pollution through the heart of our downtown would increase.	3/24/2017 8:34 AM

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107	It is needed	3/24/2017 8:27 AM
108	Practical shared use of waterway - safe	3/24/2017 8:25 AM
109	motorised boats creat a wash,and would swamp canoes and kayaks and paddle boarders and what about the swimmers remember the accident in down town section about ten years or so with the jet ski	3/24/2017 8:15 AM
110	I live close to the waterway. I enjoyed hearing the boats when motorized vehicles were allowed however, with the lack of supervision of the waterway, area residents became irresponsible. Accidents occurred, resulting in serious injuries and I believe one death. This is unacceptable practice for boating. I must admit the waters are much cleaner with out boating. I was thankful the city stopped using the fires on the canal, as the kerosene or gasoline which was used to soak the wood in was apparent on the water. The wood floated down the canal which presented an eye sore to the waterway. I think we should preserve the beauty of the water way and free from pollution on the waters and along the shores. I walked often and I am picking up trash people are throwing along the paths and in the water. Fines should be much more, and enforced. I do not see bylaws down at the canal at all. Perhaps the city should employ persons to enforce the bylaws in the active months where the paths are being used more frequently. Unfortunately some boaters ruin it for all.	3/24/2017 6:52 AM
111	It's working...leave it alone!	3/24/2017 2:09 AM
112	Safest way ro maximize use of waterway. On the roads, in city residential areas we do not allow big transport	3/24/2017 1:39 AM
113	Yes	3/23/2017 10:06 PM
114	Don't want anything bigger than canoe on canal	3/23/2017 9:05 PM
115	Yes. This section if the old canal is one of the few places to not be worried about motorized boats while doing water activities. Also rhe Welland Canal is one of the top poluted waterways in Canada. Let's not continue polution increases. I am surrounded by thw Great Lakes but watch every summer the beach closings. I always shower after swimming in either of the Lakes just in case. Keep motorized pollutants out of the Canal.	3/23/2017 8:37 PM
116	non motorized boats can't go in the lakes very often due to undertow and currents along with the unpredictability of lake conditions. Motorized craft belong in the large bodies of water where their wakes won't drench canoes etc. or make them hard to control. They can handle the lake conditions.	3/23/2017 8:23 PM
117	A calm warentway through our city center is so beautiful. We are so fortunate to have a Great Lake at either end of our canal... loads of space for motor boats. Let's keep our canal safe & quiet.	3/23/2017 8:02 PM
118	Leave the waterway the way it is, quiet	3/23/2017 8:00 PM
119	My wife and I ride our bikes almost every day along the recreational canal. One of the reasons we moved here from the GTA 4 years ago.	3/23/2017 7:59 PM
120	it ain't broke, don't fix it!	3/23/2017 7:08 PM
121	Yes - opening it up to motorized vehicles, regardless of intended restrictions, will simply turn into an enforcement nightmare, and jeopardize the safety of others.	3/23/2017 6:52 PM
122	yes	3/23/2017 6:12 PM
123	yes i have was given permission to go into the waterway as long as i had an electric motor	3/23/2017 4:52 PM
124	YES, I've experienced the boaters / waterskiers/jet ski's and they talk a good game as how they will be respectful of others using the water way but talk is cheap. When the the ban was not in effect and I was fishing with my son and there were some swimmers in the water , the boat came so close to the swimmer he almost hit them and the water skier almost did the same. We have enough open lake for people to take there motorized boats, toys out to play with . The Canal is not big enough for these anywhere in the water way ...keep it status quo. Talk is cheap. Unless the city is going to hire bylaw officers and put them out in the water on boats to patrol and issue tickets leave it the way it is.	3/23/2017 4:39 PM
125	Yes. Testosterone and motorboats are a bad mixture for a relatively small body of water. Lake Erie is close by to accommodate fishing and fast motorized craft.	3/23/2017 4:37 PM
126	Safety. Boats can go anywhere in Niagara. There are only a few spots people can swim/paddle/row/dive safely. Why take that away.	3/23/2017 4:35 PM
127	you can not mix motor boats and other activities, accidents will happen and people will speed up and down the canal.Each year more and more people are taking part in activities in the canal. It is a pleasant place to spend time.	3/23/2017 4:13 PM
128	Gee how soon we forget the jet skiers etc that became a major noise issue	3/23/2017 4:07 PM
129	With large proximity to residential areas the go quiet initiative seems prudent	3/23/2017 3:03 PM
130	it is a beautiful pristine area, I cycle by regularly and may kayak ther soon	3/23/2017 2:44 PM

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131	preservation of this waterway for non motorized used is critical to their viability (canoe. rowing, kayak etc) Adding motorized motors would cause wake, danger, erosion etc ultimately making it impossible for these to co-exists. Motorized crafts have use of other nearby watersources ( Lake Erie, Lake Ontario etc).	3/23/2017 2:18 PM
132	yes for safety	3/23/2017 2:17 PM
133	no problems they have two great lakes nearby and the welland river to go boating	3/23/2017 2:06 PM
134	It is unique to Welland, it is a quiet and natural way to enjoy the canal. Motorized boats are allowed on virtually all other waterways.	3/23/2017 1:52 PM
135	Its an excellent by-law as it stands now. No need to have motorized boats as all it takes is one idiot to make it dangerous.	3/23/2017 12:51 PM
136	Having motorized boats in our waterway will have a negative effect on our rowers. Their safety and ability to practice will be hugely effected.	3/23/2017 12:49 PM
137	I dont believe it is possible for non motorized and motorized to get along in some circumstances especially in a confined space like the recreational canal. I feel that policing the rules will cost money the City of Welland does not have and that if we believe that everyone will respect each other activities may not happen	3/23/2017 9:29 AM
138	This is a residential area. Current uses are ecologically sound and safe. Peaceful, healthy enjoyment of the trails is not hampered by the current policy. Air quality is preserved. Policing motorized use of the waterway will be costly and those costs will have to be borne by many to benefit a few. There are many options in our area already in place for motorized watercraft including the Welland River and not one, but two Great Lakes. Marinas and safety supervision are already in place on Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.	3/23/2017 9:19 AM
139	Wakes produced by motorized crafts increase soil erosion on the banks. Canal is too narrow to have motorized craft in it along with canoe, kayak, paddle boards, etc. The waterway was designed for large slow moving ships, not small personal watercraft. If people want to use their jet ski or boats, they can drive 25 minutes North or South and use them in a Great Lake!	3/23/2017 8:19 AM
140	Liability erosion quiet enjoyment walking canal paths	3/23/2017 7:02 AM
141	The Go-Quiet law allows users of all ages to use the waterway. If motor boats are allowed yo u will virtually eliminate a safe environment for younger groups to use the waterway because no matter how you plan to police it, it will not be safe for non-motorized users. So adopting motor boats will be at the expense of non-motorized users which cuts out youth using the area. You don't allow motorized vehicles on the walkway so why would you allow motorized boats on the water. It is contradicting. The canal is a place where people retreat and enjoy nature. The noise and now the exclusion of younger groups, for what?? This is just about nostalgia for people who look backwards. There are other places that are better suited for motorize vehicles.	3/22/2017 6:25 PM
142	Yes, it's safe, the flatwater events draw accolades from out of town rowers and paddlers, coach/safety boat users are trained and qualified, also the wildlife and shore erosion is a concern, beavers, wild minks, waterfowl.	3/22/2017 5:29 PM
143	We have had a return of many water species. The rowing program and canoe/kayak program will be impacted. Motorized crafts add a level of risk to all canal users.	3/22/2017 5:00 PM
144	My life savings were invested in starting Canada's largest circulated boating magazine. I love motorboats. Yet it is an easy choice to support and defend Welland's WRC by-law for only non-motorized traffic. By world standards we are rich. Welland is at the centre of the world's largest concentration of fresh water, the Great Lakes. Ontario's 250,000 lakes contain 20% of the world's fresh water resources. Most of this asset - including reservoirs, rivers and canals - generally constitute part of the public domain. This means that in large part motorboats can use these public waterways with few restrictions. In the midst of this abundance Welland has created a rare jewel of flat water calm that, by design and local by-law, is protected from wind and wave. In the rarefied world of rowing (n.b. My kids row in Welland.) that makes it one of the most desirable training and competitive destinations anywhere. Welland is well on its way to branding the WRC as "The Flatwater Rowing Destination" in North America. Niagara's motor boating access by any standard is huge. Welland's WRC by contrast is an infinitely small exception. As a boater, a paddler and a leisure marine marketer I recognize the value that the Welland Recreational Canal has created for all its citizens. Allowing any public motorized use on this waterway will harm this destination marketing asset. It will dilute the "Flatwater" brand. Additionally, the WRC's history of ownership is not in the public domain. It was a privately owned corporation. No citizen has lost access to public domain with the WRC. In Welland there is easy & local access to incredible motor boating apart from the WRC for everyone. No harm, no foul. Welland's history and potential economic future remain tied to the canal. This time its unique attraction is the exclusive nature of an International Flatwater Centre. One might conclude that the city's life savings are tied up in the WRC and its Go Quiet by-law.	3/22/2017 9:59 AM
145	I volunteer at the Welland Public Library and it is not soundproof. Also I would like to visit Merritt Island more often, and, as I am overly sensitive to noise, I would require earplugs if motorized boats were allowed.	3/21/2017 8:37 PM



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146	Allowing motorized traffic would be disruptive and cause air water and noise pollution. We just spent money to paint the bridge because the rust would pollute the water and kill the fish. What do you think would happen if motorized traffic were allowed? Also it is unsafe, I witnessed a ski do accident which ended in the loss of a life. Who will enforce the rules? Our canal is used for many events and is very peaceful to walk along. The Welland River allows motorized boats etc so why do we need to allow then in the canal?	3/21/2017 7:16 PM
147	safety for rowing, and on water activity	3/21/2017 4:44 PM
148	Yes I support it. I feel it is dangerous for all users of the canal if motorized boats or vehicles of any kind are allowed to use the waterway. There are children and adults alike that swim, paddle board, canoe, kayak and row among other activities. I feel it is particularly dangerous for rowers though as they face one direction yet travel in the opposite direction. Essentially travel backwards. If motorized vehicles were present it would certainly pose additional risks to all involved. The wake created by motorized vehicles is also dangerous and cause rough conditions potentially leading to flipping. The noise created from motorized boats also interferes with communication within a rowing she'll as well as from coaches to athletes. There are plenty of bodies of water for motorized vehicles in the region. There are however no better locations for the clubs already present and conducting business and training on the canal for non-motorized activities.	3/21/2017 3:49 PM
149	Boats can drive to the lake or marina 10 minutes away. The existing uses of the canal provide recreation and activities that are easily accessible for all, including those who don't drive. The lack of motorized vehicles, both on the waterway and the path provide a safe and clean environment. We are close enough to a lake for people to take their boats and jet skis and the noise, pollution and safety concerns of having them in the limited amount of space on the canal would put the city at risk for potential injury and lawsuits.	3/21/2017 3:16 PM
150	Yes because "go quiet" means no loud motors or other devices on the canal.	3/21/2017 1:34 PM
151	There are many programs currently offered on the canal. As a member of the rowing club I have often seen the canal busy with people participating in a wide range of activities. I believe that all participants in any program on the canal are safer without motorized vehicles around.	3/21/2017 1:16 PM
152	Boats have 2 lakes and many other places to use we could become known for our world reknown Rowing site. The Pan-am games were a great example of how using this venue for non-motorized vehicles improves our area. Please look into bringing more events such as this.	3/21/2017 1:09 PM
153	The canal is being used by so many different programs including swimming and scuba diving. The canal would become unsafe for everyone who currently uses it if we allow motorboats back on it. Niagara is located between two perfectly good lakes that motorboat users can use.	3/21/2017 1:08 PM
154	I feel much safer and would not be able to continue training for triathalons and my daughter would not feel safe rowing with motorboats around her	3/21/2017 12:56 PM
155	Motor boats/jet skis are loud and will disturb the flat water center activities. It will impede swimmers, fishing and those of us using the water for kayaking or canoeing. There are 2 lakes within 20 mins of welland that allow motorized boating. The canal doesnt make sense for this.	3/21/2017 9:22 AM
156	Preservation of the shorelines	3/20/2017 8:50 PM
157	We mustn't forg et the one serious accident of the person on the sea doo	3/20/2017 8:33 PM
158	because I enjoy using the canal for kayaking/canoeing/padding boarding without the disruption of motorized boats. Besides, there are plenty of other places to take motorized boats.	3/20/2017 8:14 PM
159	The go quiet status is perfect for this waterway . Many people enjoy using this water using rafts, paddle boards, canoes, kayaks, as well as swimming. It's a wonderful facility for families to enjoy without the noise of motorboats or seados. Please keep the "Go Quiet" bylaw in place.The	3/20/2017 6:57 PM
160	Welland's recreational waterway is a gem and should be preserved and marketed as a peaceful and serene area where one can enjoy its beauty, its nature trails and its beautiful scenery. One only to visit "Trip Advisors" web site to read the numerous positive reviews and accolades the city of Welland is getting by keeping its waterway free of noise. There are many surrounding lakes in the area where others with motorized boats can enjoy the sport of boating, waterskiing and other water sports.	3/20/2017 5:38 PM
161	Too many power boat people do not respect the use of the water ways by others, kayakers row boat cancers etc. plus the noise during concerts and along the river is not needed.	3/20/2017 4:57 PM
162	There are way more non motorized activities that would be impacted. The peacefulness and "Wellandness" will be ruined. It's a noise issue and can be dangerous. The canal attracts great opportunities - this hinders it . Anyone with a boy can take it elsewhere - which would benefit them more	3/20/2017 4:42 PM
163	There are many places in the Niagara Region where people can use motorized boats, jetski's, etc. It is nice to have an area where people can enjoy other activities like scuba diving, safely.	3/20/2017 4:24 PM

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164	Yes, we dont need noisy boats on the water ways. There are olenty of lakes near by to do that on!	3/20/2017 4:17 PM
165	yes	3/20/2017 2:05 PM
166	The current use status is what makes the canal so popular. It is a quiet venjue to provide relaxation for both on water and shoreline activities. Motorized traffic will eventually lead to current users seeking other venues of the kind they currently enjoy.	3/20/2017 12:41 PM
167	pronote clean, healthy lifestyle, protect drinking water supply for city residents	3/20/2017 12:22 PM
168	Yes. We have young children and spend countless summer hours on the canal kayaking, canoeing, fishing, and flat boarding. We make use of the PenFinancial Flatwater Community Centre rentals numerous times a year. We have friends come from out of town and parts of our days are spent at the Community Centre renting water toys. We participate in the float day. We use the docks for swimming. The water quality is exceptional and we have not had any issues with ear infections as we would when motor boats contaminated the water ways.	3/20/2017 11:30 AM
169	this is a unique environment that should be preserved. boaters can "boat" elsewhere, the canal is ... and can remain to be ... a special place.	3/20/2017 9:28 AM
170	boaters have other options, swimmers and alike do not	3/20/2017 9:25 AM
171	Yes, we have a clean, healthy canal that must be protected and better uses for it developed without the smell and noise of motor craft.	3/20/2017 7:38 AM
172	Because of the serenity of the water and parkland being maintained. I have been on motorized boats many times prior to 2005 and the waterway simply got crazier and crazier as time wore on. I feared for my life one day when I was pulled behind a high powered boat on a tube with the driver trying everything to "lose" me. My fear wasn't being thrown, but from the many jet skiers cutting across our boat's wake. My fear was that they wouldn't see me and my line would get caught up by their jet ski, slingshotting me into oncoming traffic or crashing into the very jet ski causing death or serious harm. Despite this, I continued to hang on, because you know, stupid is as stupid does! 3. There is an "unwritten rule" at present allowing electric motors on boats for recreational enjoyment or fishing. When I talk with flatware users they seem to feel that the two can share the waterway peacefully and respectfully.	3/19/2017 6:01 PM
173	There are plenty of places to use motorized vessels in our area convenient to everyone with out disrupting the recreational waterway	3/19/2017 2:20 PM
174	I walk and sit beside the water and enjoy nature and the quiet.	3/19/2017 11:00 AM
175	It's more inviting to wildlife and encourages people to go out and walk the pathways peacefully.	3/19/2017 10:59 AM
176	I am someone that lives near the canal. The sound of jet skis was enough to make you stay in doors. I am a multiple boat owner (small fishing boat and a water skiing boat). The canal was probably one of the worst places to fish and the few times growing up water skiing in the canal it really was not the greatest place to do it. The only good section of the canal was down by the far end by netherby road but that was used by the ski club only the rest of the canal was not very suitable - water got very choppy and very narrow and dangerous if other boats were around. Sad to say but the go quiet policy has more users on the canal then ever. The canal was originally designed for large ships to go quiet not personal pleasure crafts running around in circles.	3/19/2017 10:05 AM
177	I am concerned that allowing motorized boats will make the waterway less appealing to canoeists and kayakers, and will cause pollution.	3/18/2017 6:12 PM
178	Yes, I strongly believe that the Welland Recreational Waterway should be used for non-motorized activities only. There are literally dozens of other waterways in Niagara that are accessible to boaters, including the Welland River which is in very close proximity. There are also water quality and bank morphology issues associated with motorized boat access that would need to be addressed. The most important issue however is safety. I participate in triathlons and frequently use the waterway for swim practice -- I drive from St. Catharines to Welland just to use this waterway because it provides some of best and safest open water swimming in the region. If motorized boats were permitted I would not use the waterway because of safety. Even if there is scheduled usage, the City cannot guarantee that this won't be abused. I know many other open water swimmers that feel the same way. Please, keep the Welland Rec Waterway as a Go Quiet watercourse!	3/18/2017 8:24 AM
179	It's peaceful, quiet, just the way it should be. Prior to the 'go quiet' jet skiers were totally abnoxious . Can't bear to see or hear them anywhere on any body of water.	3/18/2017 1:23 AM
180	see the presentation delivered by Mr. Dan Dakin	3/17/2017 12:06 PM
181	The policy provides a variety of safe ways for people to interact on the waterway.	3/17/2017 10:58 AM
182	The current law keeps the waterways safer for all recreational activities listed above, in addition to minimizing noise pollution for the surrounding residents. The waterway is already heavily used thanks to the addition of the rental programs and canoe/kayak/rowing facilities - adding motorized vehicles would impact the existing traffic immensely, causing unsafe environments.	3/17/2017 9:54 AM

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183	I feel much safer to use it with children when motorized boats are not permitted. I would not trust my kids around motorized boats when I do not know the driver.	3/16/2017 7:50 PM
184	Boaters have many other options, motor free water is limited and should stay status-quo	3/16/2017 7:00 PM
185	We have the perfect venue for kayak and canoe races for all levels, including World and Olympic events. We should be promoting this aspect to gain tourists from around the World. Having motorized boats on the canal will increase water pollution (from the fuel and litter). Motorized boats will cause danger to swimmers, kayaker and to wildlife. The Welland Waterway is also family friendly, where kids can play without fear of being run over by a motorized boats.	3/16/2017 4:16 PM
186	I think since this is our city source of drinking water there should be no boats allowed which would increase the incidents of possible fuel spills and 2 stroke oils, also the fact that the water is considered drinkable quality is proof that not having boats and PWC's flying around is a good thing. Also living along the canal for the last 28 years and having seen the boats on the water and the Go quiet I find it so much more tranquil without the boats.	3/16/2017 3:49 PM
187	Motorized traffic users have so many other options available nearby (lakes Erie and ontario). Keep this area special.	3/16/2017 3:41 PM
188	the canal is a peaceful place to go to enjoy the canoe rental program, to have a picnic and relax. i feel that motorized traffic will disturb the safety and tranquillity of the canal.	3/16/2017 1:22 PM
189	YES- the present status quo prevents erosion and ensures the safety of swimmers	3/16/2017 12:58 PM
190	because motorized boats have lake erie and lake ontario to go on, kayaking on the canal is a calm stretch of water which isnt guaranteed with the lakes	3/16/2017 10:56 AM
191	I have no confidence that the City of Welland would be able to properly "police" any violators. Better to keep 100% of motorized boats (jet skis, personal watercraft, etc...) off the water and keep it 100% motor-free	3/16/2017 9:50 AM
192	boater have ample other options to enjoy their hobbies	3/16/2017 9:41 AM
193	Yes. The "Go Quiet" standard is the right policy re. to reduce noise pollution, environmental concerns - land erosion, air emisions and individual safety issues	3/16/2017 9:20 AM
194	Although quietness was a factor to put in the by-law, it also made it safer for people who swim, fish, scuba dive, etc... I thought it was also put in to bring down the pollution in the canal from engine motors, especially at the south end where it is cut off.	3/16/2017 9:15 AM
195	It will keep the canal clean and inviting.	3/15/2017 10:12 PM
196	The canal is being well used and shared by many diverse sports and recreational groups. It is considered by many international officials as one of the best waterways for flat water sports. Adding further users who already have access to river ways and can access two of Canada s Great Lakes is a little like asking the curling club to allow hockey be played on their ice, or telling the indoor soccer stadium that it must picnickers access to its fields. The Canal runs through our city centre and by our beautiful park and walkways the activities and setting are perfect for a peaceful environment in our city core	3/15/2017 9:44 PM
197	It is a new de quiet relaxing environment that would be spoiled by motorized craft.	3/15/2017 9:19 PM
198	Yes	3/15/2017 9:16 PM
199	Cleaner water, safer	3/15/2017 9:07 PM
200	noise and safety concerns	3/15/2017 7:14 PM
201	The waterway provides a safer environment for so many as is!	3/15/2017 3:50 PM
202	Yes. Motorized boats will be too dangerous for the other users.	3/15/2017 1:43 PM
203	I strongly stand by the Go Quiet by-law and firmly believe there should not be any other consideration. The reason my family and I moved to this location by the canal is because of its peaceful, quiet environment, overlooking the water. Many children, my siblings and I included, take advantage of this canal and its activities during the warmer months. I have always felt assured that they were being responsible and safe. If motorized traffic was to pass through this area at any given time, that would restrict the children (youth and adults alike) from their activities and even put them at risk; the drivers of these motorized vehicles will not likely see the smaller children using the canal. Motorized vehicles creates many waves and ripples which will effect the kayakers and paddle boarders, for a child to worry about being knocked over by a wave is not one they have to consider, as many are just learning and trying these things for the first time. I do not support the permit of motorized traffic and I feel that many others living along the canal with children share the same opinion.	3/15/2017 12:33 PM
204	No noise	3/15/2017 10:55 AM
205	I see no reason why motor boats should be allowed on this waterway	3/15/2017 10:30 AM
206	Yes . Promotes healthy living and safe waterways for people	3/15/2017 9:46 AM

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207	There are plenty of other areas ie lakes that motorized boats can use. It's like letting dirt bikes use the pathway along the canal. There are kids trying to learn how to kayak and canoe and how can they do that when there are boats speeding by them. I think it is really unnecessary for motorized boats to have access to the canal.	3/14/2017 9:18 PM
208	The "go quiet" laws should be passed to keep our beautiful canal safe, and quiet. All the money Welland has invested in this canal for recreational activities would go to waste. Keep the Welland Canal quiet!!!	3/14/2017 9:10 PM
209	Erosion,peace and quiet,more relaxing for seniors to sit and picnic by the canal	3/14/2017 9:02 PM
210	Gasoline motors are 'drippy' with both oil & gasoline, noisy too	3/14/2017 5:34 PM
211	The current use of the canal seems fit for a waterway in the center of a city.	3/14/2017 4:57 PM
212	There are many activities on the canal , swimming fishing the lovely event last year where people floated peacefully. The scenery is beautiful with ducks and geese floating in the water. The motorized boats will disturb everyone and everything. The canal is not wide enough for these boats to avoid each other and for safety sake having them on the canal is dangerous.	3/14/2017 4:16 PM
213	It's peaceful to walk the island and enjoy time with my family renting canoes, kayaks. I feel safe letting kids jump in water for a quick dip and the noise isn't an issue. There are some boats next door on river if they want to use that and it doesn't impede our enjoyment of the outdoor space.	3/14/2017 2:19 PM
214	We moved here because of Go-Quiet. We feel it would disrupt many things	3/14/2017 1:02 PM
215	Currently, no pollution nor added distrations with motorboats, Great the way it is	3/14/2017 12:44 PM
216	I like that it's peaceful and quite. Never liked when the motor boats came screaming by, it was to dangerous.	3/14/2017 11:29 AM
217	Yes. We have young children and spend countless summer hours on the canal kayaking, canoeing, fishing, and flat boarding. We make use of the PenFinancial Flatwater Community Centre rentals numerous times a year. We have friends come from out of town and parts of our days are spent at the Community Centre renting water toys. We participate in the float day. We use the docks for swimming. The water quality is exceptional and we have not had any issues with ear infections as we would when motor boats contaminated the water ways. I recall prior to our present status (pre 2003), we would hear motor boats and jet skis for countless hours on the canal. We walk, run, cycle on the Welland Island and countless times have encounters jet skiers who would pull up to the island docs to drink alcohol and smoke illegal substances as it was secluded. They never had any couth and would leave there trash behind. I have never seen this type of activity from those in kayaks or canoes.	3/14/2017 8:43 AM
218	Yes it has been working well and is safe. It would be beneficial if restaurants backing on to the canal could have docking facilities so customers can enjoy a stop and continue on.	3/14/2017 8:40 AM
219	Worried about noise but also about ecological impacts and shoreline stability. We live in the middle of the Region. There is access to water every where around us, within 5 to 30 minutes	3/14/2017 6:03 AM
220	Gets people outside	3/14/2017 1:42 AM
221	This all a safe waterway for everyone of uses it, nobody currently has to worry about being run over by a motorboat.	3/13/2017 10:01 PM
222	It's our source of drinking water. No fuel please.	3/13/2017 10:00 PM
223	Yes- including envirental concerns for the banks re waves from boats.	3/13/2017 9:16 PM
224	Quit is good!	3/13/2017 9:07 PM
225	Yes, because motorized traffic would increase noise pollution as well as change the overall environment of the waterway. I currently use the waterway BECAUSE it is quiet.	3/13/2017 5:51 PM
226	Peace and quiet will be lost if motorized vessels are allowed	3/13/2017 3:15 PM
227	Yes. I would like the 'Go Quiet' by-law to remain as it is. I am a member of the South Niagara Canoe Club and participate in dragon boat programs. To put it simply, flat water sports don't mix with motorized water craft. There is also the erosion of the canal banks to consider. In these times of fiscal responsibility, I am sure the City of Welland does not wish to incur additional maintenance costs. After attending a public meeting on Saturday, I don't believe the cost of maintaining the canal and repairing erosion damage is well understood by the general public. If this data is available in city records and budgets, I would suggest it would be useful information to share with the stakeholders in this decision making process.	3/13/2017 3:07 PM
228	It is an amazing space to be on the water and not worry about noise boats the waves. Please don't change!	3/13/2017 1:58 PM

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229	When my family and I moved to Welland over 17 years ago we were ecstatic about the Recreational Waterway. We canoe, swim and have participated in a few Dragon boat competitions as well as walked the canal trails with our dogs. However trying to use the waterway with ski boats and jet skis was not working out. We have almost been swamped on numerous occasions. We found the ski boats and jet skis operators to be very inconsiderate and rude. Confronting these people at the Lincoln St docks it was clear that they owed the Canal and we were in there way. Now that the ban has been in effect since 2005 I can use the waterway again as do the paddle boarders, kayakers, rowers, swimmers, fishermen. For powers boats and jet skis it's just not that kind of water, too narrow.	3/13/2017 1:20 PM
230	Yes - safe swimming environment, boats create a danger creates erosion also.	3/13/2017 12:57 PM
231	Yes. When you allow motor boats on to the canal, there will be no more kayaking. No more canoeing. No more rowing. You can't do those sports with motor boats around. Plus, you have to worry about noise pollution for those that live close by. And, you then have to police those boats as well.	3/13/2017 11:26 AM
232	I have experienced a horrifying episode of a young man operating a Sea-Doo irresponsibly in a crowd of young children, toddlers, parents with babes in arms who were playing near the entrance of a creek off of Lake Huron. This young man, in full throttle, steered off of the Lake and into the creek, saw the children playing and continued full throttle between the children, barely missing them. The young children were peacefully playing in the shallow water and building sand castles. They had been tossed every which way, faces in the water, thrown by the waves of the Sea-Doo. Nearby parents sprung into action, with horrified looks on their faces, and more than voiced their concerns! I am all for peaceful waterways.	3/13/2017 11:17 AM
233	Safer, quieter, particularly with children on the water. Controlling traffic would be an incredible challenge and dangerous if motorized traffic allowed.	3/13/2017 10:39 AM
234	AS A CYCLIST I OFTEN RIDE FROM LOCK 1 IN ST. CATHARINES TO PORT COLBORNE. I ENJOY MY PEACEFUL RIDE AND WOULD LIKE THAT TO CONTINUE. THERE AREN'T VERY MANY PLACES TO ENJOY PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN THE REGION.	3/13/2017 9:57 AM
235	we have access to Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, both large-go there and make all the noise. The canal should be a safe zone for non-motorized water crafts.	3/13/2017 9:53 AM
236	No	3/13/2017 9:12 AM
237	Perfect & enjoyable as is. Grest for those new to some of these water sports. I tried SUP for the first time last summer. I would not have safe doing it if motorized equipment were allowed	3/13/2017 9:06 AM
238	Allows a safe place for non-motorized sports	3/13/2017 8:23 AM
239	The recreational canal has become a vibrant park system with thousands of Wellanders enjoying its amenities.	3/13/2017 8:05 AM
240	I feel safer and peaceful when stand up paddle boarding	3/13/2017 6:58 AM
241	There are many other places where motor boats can play. Many people enjoy walking along the canal and on Merritt Island. Motor boats are noisy and pollutants. The many events held at the flatwater centre would not be as pleasant for the contestants if the water was polluted by motor boats. You also wouldn't see as many different birds and animals along the canal with motor boats being allowed.	3/13/2017 6:51 AM
242	The 'Go Quiet' by-law makes the Canal a quiet and lovely place to go kayaking	3/13/2017 1:44 AM
243	For 2 reasons: safety and environmental impact	3/13/2017 12:13 AM
244	I support the go quiet by-law because the canal has become welland's sanctuary for healthy outdoor living and activities. From the beautiful canal walkways, to the many flatwater activities we partake in. I am doing one or the other in the canal from April-November. Every time I'm out, I see it being used. Why use this small area that has promoted a scenic, quiet, peaceful and healthy living with so many outdoor activities when there are so many other areas for motorized water traffic? We already have everything else motorized, why not keep one beautiful and unique area encourage locals to be ACTIVE, for free, outside. Welland doesn't offer very much in as a small community, but it's the canal walkway for running, walking, blading and biking that I've been using for 15 years. Ans it's the water activities like kayak, SUP, canoe, dragonboat and swimming have become one of the reasons I desire to remain in welland, as both my spouse and I work out of town. With motorized traffic, this will discourage these wonderful free outdoor water activities that the locals have enjoyed, and the rental program which is becoming more popular every years as the people of welland get hear about it. The safety of these activities are at risk because of how narrow the canal is. There is already garbage collecting, I can imagine this will only cause more, and take away the beautiful quiet 7kms Welland sanctuary. I am deeply saddened to see this possibly changing. Absolutely devastated at the possibility of losing it.	3/12/2017 11:09 PM
245	It allows people to continue enjoying the canal with their families without worrying about people zooming by in boats.	3/12/2017 10:46 PM
246	Yes allowing motor boats would totally change the canal experience for current users.	3/12/2017 10:17 PM

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247	Yes. It gives kayakers and canoers a safe space to row. Plus the bylaw was put in to protect the walls of the canal. It's working, why mess with it?	3/12/2017 10:01 PM
248	The most I have seen the canal used by youth and elderly people ever the last few years. And I used to use the boat ramp but see it's better this way!	3/12/2017 10:00 PM
249	Yes. The canal is very narrow and any motor boat allowance would be incredibly dangerous.	3/12/2017 9:43 PM
250	i think that the canal is now used for all these other things and putting boats and such in there is not going to work and would even be an accident waiting to happen. there are lakes on either side of us where they gave all the open water for boats etc. and the canal is not the place for them. especially since have the rowing and flat water centre. alot of families and people including myself enjoy to get out there and kayak etc. we have this great waterway fir families or individuals to enjoy and i completely disagree with changing it. like i said they gave places they can go like the lakes. we do not(as in kayaks,canoes etc...)	3/12/2017 9:41 PM
251	This is a unique selling feature in Welland. When out on the canal for recreational uses, I feel safe for myself and youth. There is plenty of traffic on the waterway already, bringing back motorboats would destroy the current atmosphere.	3/12/2017 9:05 PM
252	Yes, it allows for calm watersports with kids without fear of fast boats/wake	3/12/2017 8:40 PM
253	It is rare to find a place for watersports - canning etc where you are not disturbed by or competing with motorized waterspouts. I think it's important to keep this waterway safe for non motorized users	3/12/2017 7:51 PM
254	Yes - more people can safely use the water without fast moving boats on the water.	3/12/2017 6:59 PM
255	Yes. I live near Lake Erie, but enjoy the peaceful paddles along the canal.keep the canal for nonmotorized and the lake for motorized.	3/12/2017 6:07 PM
256	Love coming to the peaceful welland canal. One of the only reason I come to welland from port colborne.	3/12/2017 5:04 PM
257	The Go Quiet by-law benefits the wildlife, keeps the waterway peaceful and relaxing and there is less pollution. Can people please for once think of the environment and wildlife that nest along the shores and live in these waters.	3/12/2017 4:32 PM
258	It's not a large enough body of water to support motorized crafts	3/12/2017 4:24 PM
259	Yes	3/12/2017 4:22 PM
260	Because it would greatly impact the current use of the canal now, in a negative way. The canal is the cleanest water in the niagara region, which would be impacted by pulluting the water with fuel. Also, noise pollution would effect people enjoying the canal for leisure. And finally, the safety of swimmers, canoers and stand up paddle boarders (just to name a few) would be put at risk.	3/12/2017 4:19 PM
261	Lots of places to take your boats, let's stay quiet please also motor boats would increase safety risk for sup, canoes and kayaks, lots of children use the rec canal	3/12/2017 4:12 PM
262	Yes....maintains the tranquility and safety of the waterway for those of us who use Kayaks and canoes	3/12/2017 4:12 PM
263	Yes there are many children that use the waterway and for their safety, I do not approve of motorized vehicles sharing the waterway. Especially with children that are just learning and experiencing activities such as kayaking and canoeing.	3/12/2017 4:10 PM
264	Yes because prior to the by-law there was very little respect shown by owners of motorized boats towards those of us canoeing. Also since the removal of the boats from the canal the pathways have become more enjoyable to walk as you don't have the constant noise of boats whipping up & down the waterway. The Lincoln Street docks area would no longer be a gathering place for people to swim, play, paddle from either. Finally the canal is one place where I can take my dog to splash around in on leash in the summer months. We swim daily with our dog on leash so as that she might enjoy the water but is under control so as to not disturb other swimmers, divers, paddlers, or residents who are out to use the waterway as well.	3/12/2017 4:07 PM
265	This is so enjoyable for pure nature with no noise and water pollution due to has motors.	3/12/2017 4:06 PM
266	Not every waterway has to be terrorized by motorized traffic.	3/12/2017 3:43 PM
267	It protects the environment and promotes public safety.	3/12/2017 12:54 PM
268	It is not a wide space, allowing motorboats would be a huge increase in liability; shore erosion. This is a special area. Special because motors are not allowed!! We have something very unique in Welland, let focus on being different!	3/12/2017 12:28 PM
269	like before keep the water cleaner.,motor boats will only pollute the water more plus owners of these boats will always drip gas in the water..the area is too narrow for and motorized vessel and will only see accidents on the water...	3/12/2017 11:39 AM

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270	Yes I support Status Quo and Go Quiet. Major hazard with motorized vehicles on the canal. Open for liability for the city. Noise pollution, oil slicks causing pollution to pristine venue. Not able to keep the beautiful venue that we have now if motor boats allowed. No actual monitoring o pranksters on their boats. Alternaive waterways for boats. They do not need to pollute the canal!	3/12/2017 9:34 AM
271	Safety to majority of waterway users as is and peacefulness without the motors or wakes.	3/12/2017 12:10 AM
272	yes, to keep the canal as it is....to allow many to participate in its use. not everyone can afford a boat with a motor and a trailer, do not want to destroy the aquatic life in the canal and feel motorized boats will have a detrimental affect. increased traffic with boats on trailers coming into the area, will result in excess dust and disturbances at all hours...there is no marine police, so who will control the speeds, the actions of those driving the motorboats.	3/11/2017 10:16 PM
273	It makes recreation safe and keeps the water way calm and clear for nature	3/11/2017 7:11 PM
274	The waterway is unique . There are many places that power boats can access . There are no other waterways that canoes , kayaks , swimmers , scuba divers can safely use . As well the waterway bisects the city with residences on both sides . The noise and smells of power boats would be annoying more people than would actually be using it. Ditto for citizens who use the adjacent trails for walking and biking. Many more people would be adversely affected than would enjoy the facility . I think it's valuable to have a place that is dedicated to participating in physical activity . It's interesting that you didn't include walking , biking, jogging, birding or photography in the list in question 3.	3/11/2017 7:06 PM
275	Environmental reasons and homes near canal would not appreciate noise	3/11/2017 4:59 PM
276	swim regularly and wouldn't feel safe with motorised vehicles	3/11/2017 3:10 PM
277	Erosion, Noise, Safety for canoes and kayaks. Allowing motorized craft will include "Sea Doo" type craft. They are usually high speed, high wake, go anywhere craft. Very dangerous for non-motorized craft to share the same limited space. There are lots of other places for motorized craft to go and limited safe spots for canoe and kayakers.	3/11/2017 2:10 PM
278	Quiet is good	3/11/2017 10:00 AM
279	Safe waters for scuba divers	3/11/2017 2:21 AM
280	Please don't ruin a beautiful space with noise pollution and risk putting an end to the activities we now enjoy! We have something very special in Welland. Put more energy in Promoting what we have already. It's like the best kept secret!,	3/10/2017 9:49 PM
281	noise, pollution	3/10/2017 9:09 PM
282	I remember how dangerous it was to swim when motorized boats were allowed. Also, the noise is an issue.	3/10/2017 6:22 PM
283	The Canal should be preserved for future generations. The use of mtorized craft would adversely affect the integrity of the canal walls. I don't believe there would be enough money to repair possible damage We already pay enough in taxes!	3/10/2017 6:14 PM
284	yes, allows for a safe enviroment to enjoy my paddling sport with the enjoyment of the water fowl and calm waters to paddle on	3/10/2017 5:22 PM
285	Yes. I did not feel safe in my kayak when boats with motors used the canal.	3/10/2017 5:09 PM
286	Yes! Erosion of banks / the quiet -- noise-free	3/10/2017 5:06 PM
287	I enjoy the peace and tranquility that the 'Go Quiet' by-law allows. I understand the reason for implementing this by-law was over concern for erosion of the banks of the canal and believe this concern still exists. There are also safety concerns with allowing motorized traffic on the canal, namely water skiers and the problem this presents with other canal traffic and the limited turning space on the canal.	3/10/2017 3:22 PM
288	The waterway is an intake protection zone for the Welland Water Treatment Plant. Diesel and gasoline fuel transportation, storage and handling were identified as significant threats in the Niagara Peninsula Source Water Protection Assessment Report.	3/10/2017 3:03 PM
289	Yes This is a nice place to dive. Motorized boats would place in dangers divers.	3/10/2017 3:01 PM
290	We live on the waterway & object to noise associated with gas motors. Swimmers would be in danger.	3/10/2017 12:33 PM
291	It brings great people to Welland and provides much needed Positivity!	3/10/2017 11:49 AM
292	The waterway is not safe for gas powered engines as it was proven in the past that there is no means or method of proper policing of the canal, the boats are not safe (death of a jet skier due to boat accident) and the concrete walls cannot handle vibration and additional wake caused by the powerful engines. Gas and oil does not need to be spilled into the water at boat landings as that is a normal offshoot of boats.	3/10/2017 11:43 AM
293	We spend a lot of time using this waterway because it is safe and quiet- a rare find nowadays, very special! I would not feel comfortable doing the activities we enjoy there if there were motors,	3/10/2017 11:42 AM

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294	Having a clean waterway for major competitions and also for the safety of kayakers and swimmers and for general scenic peace.	3/10/2017 11:33 AM
295	I like to limited noise situation. Some fear of erosion.	3/10/2017 11:24 AM
296	The city and province has spent millions of dollars to create an amazing flatwater center. Most summer weekends our canal is flooded with flatwater enthusias. How can we possibly separate the two different water sports in one small body of water? Did we not have a tragic accident years ago when jet skis where new. And how would this be policed. My daughter holds a cancer fundraiser in which we must buy a million dollar liability policy to host the one day event. Would boaters now be obligated to purchase special insurance. I feel that the great Lakes are so close for boaters that this should not be an issue. Daniel Leblanc	3/10/2017 10:22 AM
297	Motorized boats have the vast waters of lakes Erie and Ontario to use. The canal is relatively narrow and wakes created by speeding boats easily swamp kayaks and canoes. It has been a peaceful few years on our canal and to me there is no GOOD reason to go back to the days of madness and mayhem on the water.	3/10/2017 6:29 AM
298	We walk and cycle on the recreational paths and love the peacefulness since the Go Quiet bylaw was established. It was so noisy and distracting when motor boats were using the waterway. We see people quietly fishing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, scuba diving, etc. all the time. They can do this freely without the fear of being run down by a motor boat or by waves making them tip over. To us, the peace and quiet should be maintained. Motor boats are on the Welland River all the time--is that not enough for them? There is enough noise in this world.	3/10/2017 1:15 AM
299	I am not familiar.... but go quiet sound good..	3/9/2017 11:57 PM
300	I agree with the current status quo because I believe the waterway is too small of an area for motorized watercrafts. I believe it would become too unsafe and potentially overcrowded for the people and animals (dogs) that use the waterway. With the amount of shore fishing that occurs on the narrow waterway I feel it may present issues.	3/9/2017 10:53 PM
301	my family regularly walk and bike the canal trails, and we appreciate the solitude and peaceful environment the area offers. With all the access to waterways in this area, with no shortage for places to use a motor boat, surely the old canal can be kept the way it is free of motors.	3/9/2017 7:55 PM
302	Because it's safe!	3/9/2017 7:35 PM
303	Yes, the recreational canal is the only local water I can enjoy without fear of motorized boat traffic. For example swimming and using the water with out fear of being hit by a boat, overturned by wake and congestion at the boat ramp,	3/9/2017 6:14 PM
304	Yes, I don't believe gas powered boats are safe in the small width of water to safely operate. Example the jet ski accident that killed a man in 1995. People drink and drive on the water. It's not safe.	3/9/2017 5:46 PM
305	because there is a beautiful ecosystem there and the noise and other pollution would do serious damage . its a beautiful walk the way it is	3/9/2017 5:32 PM
306	Water is clean and it is nice to have the water way safe for swimmers and canoe.	3/9/2017 4:59 PM
307	Safety of participants, also it's peaceful, usually no gas smell	3/9/2017 4:11 PM
308	When motor boats were in use there the waterway was pretty much unusable for anyone else. It makes it unsafe for canoes and kayaks as well as swimmers.	3/9/2017 3:49 PM
309	It keeps the waterway, clean, classy, quiet and a great place for residents, visitors and wildlife.	3/9/2017 3:47 PM
310	I'm not concerned about sound, it's that you cannot ride a paddle board while a boat makes a wake beside you	3/9/2017 3:34 PM
311	as a newer swimmer the thought of swimming with motor boats seems very daunting and would prevent me from using the Recreational Waterway further	3/9/2017 3:19 PM
312	Quiet is nice so people can enjoy picnics etc.Power boats do not mix well with canoes, kayaks,paddle boarders as well as swimmers and there are a lot more of them currently than there where power boats when they where allowed.You allo power boats,jet skis etc and there will be mayhem again. ,yaks paddle boards	3/9/2017 3:09 PM
313	Gee the problems you had before with the jet skiers come to mind	3/9/2017 2:31 PM
314	As a swimmer I enjoy feeling safe without motorized boats around	3/9/2017 2:28 PM
315	The tranquility of the trails along the waterway and the city in general will be impacted, as well as the security of non motorized uses that now predominate. Noise and air pollution for those that walk, bike, skate and otherwise use the trails along the waterway.	3/9/2017 2:12 PM
316	I enjoy walking along the canal, it wouldn't be enjoyable with sounds of motors and smells of gasoline. I would want to one day use the canal. I'm new to living here and when I one day start using the canal recreationally (paddle boating of some kind) it would be nicer if there are no motors on the water.	3/9/2017 2:04 PM



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317	Safety, noise, excessive wakes	3/9/2017 2:03 PM
318	Yes because my family and I can go for a walk, run, biking and enjoy nature without breathing the CO2 produced by motorized boats. We like to rent a puddle board and enjoy the quietness and relaxation the canal offers.	3/9/2017 1:47 PM
319	controlled erosion and safety aspect	3/9/2017 1:37 PM
320	The peace and quiet plus the natural beauty .... noise from motors is NOT NEEDED. Plus, motorized craft would further erode the banks.	3/9/2017 1:35 PM
321	It's nice to sit in the park or have lunch along the waterways without excess noise.	3/9/2017 1:07 PM
322	safe for others to use. No noise or nuisance activities,ie ., ripping up and down .	3/9/2017 12:55 PM
323	I do NOT want the ONLY fresh water CLEAN oil/gas free waterway for swimming to be FOULED by Motors..... I also want to SAFELY participate in NON motorized activities... All we need is 1 swimmer to be CUT UP by a careless motorist... boat or seadoo... THERE many other areas for motor boats and motor crafts in the niagara area..... The Canal is the only SAFE clean water area to swim / canoe/ kayak and row!!	3/9/2017 12:14 PM
324	The only motorized vehicles that should be permitted are rescue and follow vehicles for rowing, canoeing, kayaking, and dragon boat events as well as training for those events.	3/9/2017 12:01 PM
325	We need relaxing water recreation.	3/9/2017 11:57 AM
326	there is too much non-motor boat traffic ... it would not be save	3/9/2017 11:17 AM
327	Yes I do. The canal is a great place for people to go and use it in a safe environment i.e. SUP, kayaking etc. There are plenty of other waterways close by that people with boats can use.	3/9/2017 11:03 AM
328	Peace, quiet and safety are my priorities. The river can be used for motorized crafts.	3/9/2017 10:45 AM
329	Yes. I think that concerns regarding erosion of the banks and the liability issues are still relevant and need to have strong consideration.	3/9/2017 10:42 AM
330	Love the serenity. Best place for a walk.Canai is intake for our drinking water. Boats would pollute it.haboates	3/9/2017 10:05 AM
331	Shore erosion and therefore constant need to evaluate and repair any damage, accidents due to high speeds, disturbance of wild life, disturbance of peace and quiet, noise pollution	3/9/2017 10:04 AM
332	As a former power boat user was a witness to the many problems that would arise	3/9/2017 9:56 AM
333	there is a river and two lakes available for motorized boats. It will take away the peaceful atmosphere in the canal. My husband was in the river with his canoe and a motorized boat went speeding by him and almost knocked him over in the canoe.	3/9/2017 9:40 AM
334	My family and I have enjoyed using the waterway. I'd worry about us using kayaks or swimming with motor boats or sea doos. Also we enjoy the quiet and tranquility and watching the wildlife.	3/9/2017 9:14 AM
335	we don't needs boats in the canal. the welland recreational waterway is a great place for swimming,canoes,kayaks,diving ,and fishing.you put boats back in there your asking for problems sea doos and fishing boats going to fast well people are swimming fishing in a canoe kayak people scooba diving under the water.we have to huge lakes on either side of welland that people can go to. to do all the sea dooing and powerboat water ski you do.for exsample i wouldn't take my 20 foot boat with 175hp motor in the canal but there will that one person that would. if you do pass a new bylaw. just make it boats with a motor less then a 9.9hp motor allowed in the waterway. theres to much going on in the canal these days to allow motor boats back in the canal in my eyes you can't police it properly like the lakes are policed.i will be going to the meetings to hear the reason people have for changing it back to boats in.	3/9/2017 9:03 AM
336	Noise, pollution, safety concerns.	3/9/2017 8:02 AM
337	Safer for rec divers,kayakers,flatboards,swimmers,yoga classes,rovers,less air,noise and water pollution.	3/9/2017 7:59 AM
338	I support it because otherwise, there will be too much noise, fuel pollution in the water and potentially hazards for those swimming.	3/9/2017 3:12 AM
339	I have water skied many times in the canal years ago and found it too dangerous compared to doing it at Lake Erie.	3/9/2017 1:52 AM

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340	The current by-law allows the peaceful use of an absolute wonderful gem right through the heart of our city. This a treasure Welland needs to preserve. If people want to jetski, or waterski, or whatever, we have TWO!!! Great Lakes within a 30 minute drive of Welland. It's not like there's no other large waterbodies around! From a legal standpoint, when it comes to liability, the status quo should also remain. Not only liability because of people getting hurt, but also because bank erosion may undermine buildings and roads, and so the city would be opening itself up to a legal nightmare. Just last year there were sinkholes on the east bank! Don't let a few speed demons destroy the canal, not only for current users, but for generations to come, as their wakes will cause a lot of damage to banks that are already undermined.	3/9/2017 12:20 AM
341	Safety, bank erosion, noise levels, liability	3/9/2017 12:10 AM
342	Abuses will take place, will require more resources to police waterway. Will be a hazard to people who use it recreationally.	3/8/2017 11:39 PM
343	Yes. Motorized boats present a hazard to swimmers, rowers and canoeists. They are also major noise and environmental polluters.	3/8/2017 11:29 PM
344	It is a safe environment to swim and exercise	3/8/2017 10:26 PM
345	Yes, because of the size of the canal is inappropriate for the use of motorized boats. With the lake being so close people should be accessing Lake Erie rather than a small canal.	3/8/2017 10:06 PM
346	What is wrong with" Quiet "	3/8/2017 10:01 PM
347	Safety	3/8/2017 7:58 PM
348	There are plenty of other places for motorized boats. The Go Quiet bylaw promotes increased physical activity by residents in the area.	3/8/2017 7:02 PM
349	safety of the canoe/kayak/rowers	3/8/2017 6:54 PM
350	There are plenty places close enough to Welland for those who enjoy motorized sports. If they have motorized recreational vehicles it's very likely that they also have a car and, hence, are able to travel to rivers/lakes nearby Welland. Keeping our waterway as is allows those without such "luxuries " the ability to get to our central area to enjoy themselves in a safe, quiet and really, a very beautiful and peaceful environment.	3/8/2017 6:42 PM
351	It is unfair to nearby residents to change this by-law because of the noise pollution and oil and gasoline from poorly-maintained motor boats.. The Go Quiet by-law allows for safe and pleasant use of the Waterway by swimmers, paddlers and rowers. It is also a pleasant environment for local residents and the hundreds of cyclists and walkers who use the Welland Canal Trail	3/8/2017 5:47 PM
352	Although small electric powered boats would allow for fishing they would not be a danger to manually powered craft or swimmers.	3/8/2017 5:30 PM
353	Yes No change is needed. Problems ahead if you do.	3/8/2017 4:10 PM
354	all water craft cannot share the waterway at the same time	3/8/2017 3:55 PM
355	Yes. It saves the habitat for wildlife, allows for more people to enjoy, there are two lakes and many areas already available to motorized vehicles withing close proximity.	3/8/2017 2:40 PM
356	It provides a safe environment for all members of the public who swim, fish etc., on or along the canal. It also protects canal shoreline from erosion and noise pollution.	3/8/2017 1:12 PM
357	I like the fact that I don't have to hear very large motors...we live in the middle of the biggest fresh water area in the world as large motored boats can use another waterway!	3/8/2017 9:27 AM
358	Start bringing motorcrafts back and otd adking for trouble. People like to show off. Accidents will happen	3/8/2017 9:06 AM
359	Noise is a big factor here	3/8/2017 8:58 AM
360	Save the banks of the canal and avoid erosion. We do not have enough money to fix unnecessary damage caused by the wake of motor boats. We have a nicer quiet peaceful canal, without the constant buzzing of boats, jet skis and Sea doos. Just ask some of the cottage owners up North and they constantly complain about them. Safety and liability is an issue now too. Many people enjoy the waterway who do not have boats or can affst	3/8/2017 7:38 AM
361	Yes it makes sense	3/8/2017 7:06 AM
362	Safety most important accident waiting to happen. Boats can't see kids swimming in canal.	3/8/2017 1:32 AM
363	Motorized craft would mean polution-both noise and toxic fuels, erosion of the banks, danger to swimmers and divers and wildlife.	3/7/2017 11:04 PM

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364	Yes. This is a small waterway that can be enjoyed for walkers, cyclists, and use of canoes, kayaks, but why bring in noisy boats to a small recreational waterway. The wake caused by motor boats will take away enjoyment of kayakers and canoeists enjoying the calm waters. Even the smell from the exhaust is offensive. Lets let motor boats use the huge lakes close by instead of this small section of waterway. Canal lands are for nature...bird watching, peace and quiet, time for reflection and thought.	3/7/2017 10:14 PM
365	Save the waterway and city liability	3/7/2017 10:14 PM
366	The present status allows for human powered watercraft. Power boats and Sea-Doos are not only noisy but are unsafe in the confines of a canal. Additionally power boats will contribute to erosion and upset breeding waterfowl.	3/7/2017 6:59 PM
367	The canal is used from dusk to dawn with flatwater sports. It would cause a major safety issue to have motor boats with flatwater sports. Allowing motor boats would cause shore erosion and generate much noise. Flatwater sports promote physical fitness. Motor boats would ruin the serenity of our beautiful waterway.	3/7/2017 6:54 PM
368	The highest and best use is for flatwater sport activity. The waterways are recognized as a "World Class Training Facility" for flatwater sports, allowing power-craft on the waterway would jepordize that global position	3/7/2017 6:54 PM
369	Peace and tranquility of a beautiful waterway=desireable	3/7/2017 5:50 PM
370	I find it a safe enjoyable public space to go with my son where we can fish. We plan to use the canoe rental and I would feel unsafe with motorized boats in the same waterway, I find that many sea doo and towable motor boat users either do not have their boaters liscence (I am a sailer and do have mine) or simply ignore the rules/safety. Will the boat launch be manned to verify liscencing and ensuring no alcohol is on a vessel?	3/7/2017 5:22 PM
371	Pollution, noisy. Dangerous for swimmers, rec users,etc.	3/7/2017 5:13 PM
372	Yes, promotes an active lifestyle, quieter, safer, environmentally better	3/7/2017 5:12 PM
373	Erosion of shoreline; dangerous for other recreational users.	3/7/2017 5:09 PM
374	Yes....motorized vessels pose problems of policing, liability, access. Also, once motorized vessels are allowed back in the canal, quality of water will diminsh and it again, will be unsuitable for swimming. In addition, motorized vessels will limit the ability of passive water vessels to co exist becuae of issues of wake, speed.	3/7/2017 5:07 PM
375	I support the "Go Quiet" by-law and thus would oppose the use of motor-powered vessels on the canal because of concerns about noise, pollution, wake disturbance and the loss of the quiet, peaceful, calming atmosphere now present along the canal banks. Anyone who has lived on a once-quiet river can testify to what happens once motorized vessels are allowed, or dramatically increase as the years go by. The nature of the river/canal changes forever. This is particularly true (especially the noise factor) of relatively narrow and straight bodies of water such as our recreational canal. While some form of low-power electric motors would seem to address the concerns raised above, history will tell you that once a motor of any kind is allowed, inevitably, there will be a progression to increasingly more powerful and more intrusive vessels. While the power-vessel gates are still closed, as they are now, the city has the opportunity to preserve the "quiet" environment while it explores wider and broader appropriate uses for the canal. Such uses are bound to develop in the coming years. However, once the power-vessel gates are open, even a crack, it will be much more difficult, perhaps impossible, to ever fully close them again. I would urge the city to follow the old maxim, "When you're not sure what to do, don't do anything. At least for a while. Eventually, the right thing to do will become obvious." Our canal is a very, very special and unusual (perhaps unique) body of water. A very precious jewel which should be enjoyed by as many as possible but protected from any potential harm.	3/7/2017 3:45 PM
376	I remember the motorized vehicles on the waterway and the noise and distrupction to all on the water and/or close to the waterway was not only loud but it was dangerous. There has been serious accidents and I am sure even deaths in our canal due to motorized vehicles. We cannot forget that. The canal is too narrow and the bridge structures are too hazardous for motorized vehicles.	3/7/2017 3:17 PM
377	We have to take our environmental responsibilities seriously. Welland is known for its beautiful green spaces and historic canal. I am very concerned regarding the pollution of our water sources. Too many of us have lost loved ones due to cancers that are often connected to toxins in our environment. Furthermore, our canal waters are unique as they support international swimming and rowing competitions. People swim in the canal and I don't see how letting motorized boats in protects our unique position related to competitions or protecting the quality of the water.	3/7/2017 2:16 PM
378	Mixing high speed motorized and non-motorized water crafts will at some point produce a tragic result	3/7/2017 1:29 PM
379	maintains the ecological status quo, clean water for swimming, fishing. A safe, quiet place for those wishing to participate in environmentally friendly activities. A safe place for children to learn and play.	3/7/2017 1:24 PM
380	Can enjoy waterway with non motorized boats - residents living by and walking along canal can enjoy the area because it is quiet. Manual boating activities are more healthy for people and environment.	3/7/2017 12:22 PM
381	The health and safety of anyone who uses the waterway as well as the cleanliness of the water would be jeopardized by permitting motorized watercraft.	3/7/2017 11:41 AM

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382	We wouldn't be able to row or anything like that with jetskis and waterskiers going up and down the canal, creating wakes. It would be easy for them, going too fast, to hit us as well. It would be a scary thing. Plus, I heard if fast boats are allowed there will be erosion with dirt from the banks collapsing into the water. Plus, it's better for the environment not to have motors, so no air pollution, no gas or oil possibly leaking into the water.	3/7/2017 9:54 AM
383	Yes! Peaceful to walk and bike along the canal. We pull drinking water from the canal. Safety. In the past when boats were allowed close calls with swimmers, canoeists. Big powered boats speeding oblivious to others in a narrow water way. I have a 50 hp boat and i have many other options where i can drop my boat in the water. Leave the downtown for peaceful activities.	3/7/2017 8:49 AM
384	As the source for our drinking water it is imperative that no additional contamination be introduced to the system.	3/7/2017 6:49 AM
385	yes because i feel it should be quiet	3/6/2017 11:50 PM
386	Need go quiet areas. Motor boats are allowed almost everywhere else!	3/6/2017 11:17 PM
387	Yes as is there are already people driving ATVs up and down the streets at all hours and allowing them to do the same on the canal would just end up being more of the same	3/6/2017 10:30 PM
388	Keep it quiet, a lot of fun can be had with little noise pollution,	3/6/2017 10:19 PM
389	We used to hear the motorized boats roaring down the canal all summer. They disturbed the tranquility entitled to all and I am certain disrupted the wildlife and shore line. We bike the trail several times weekly and feel the current use is correct. We see people swimming, fishing and just sitting enjoying a quiet break and listening to birds and watching idyllic Welland. Please let us all continue to enjoy this wonderful space.	3/6/2017 10:17 PM
390	Emphasis is on being 'Green'. Why would you want stinky, gas motors roaring recklessly around the canal, eroding its banks? Proximity to the Great Lakes provides the perfect place for motorboats.	3/6/2017 10:12 PM
391	Physical activity and exercise are promoted. Welland canal is a rare venue for rowing in Ontario I love the new International Flatwater center even though I am not a rower I would love to see Welland hosting more rowing events (OFSAA national championships etc.). Motorized boats on the canal take away from this and we have 2 lakes and a river nearby for those	3/6/2017 9:13 PM
392	peaceful and relaxing and cleaner and safe!!!	3/6/2017 9:02 PM
393	Safer for all swimmers, paddle boarders and kayaker.	3/6/2017 6:52 PM
394	Yes. I feel that it would be a step backwards to allow any motorized boats on the canal. Motorized boats are terrible for the environment. They use gas, they pollute the air and water with exhaust, they create noise pollution, they cause shoreline erosion. There is also a real safety concern for those swimming and using no-motorized boats. The waterway today encourages physical exercise, appreciation of nature, socialization and promotes inclusiveness.	3/6/2017 4:15 PM
395	expands local use of the waterway	3/6/2017 4:10 PM
396	As someone who uses the waterway recreationally I would feel unsafe with motorboats for example zipping up and down the waterway as I'm trying to paddle.	3/6/2017 3:35 PM
397	safety for non-motor users; reduced noise for neighbors and walking trails near the waterway; better for environment/habitats	3/6/2017 3:31 PM
398	It makes the waterway accessible to other sports! Plus, boats have lakes and all kinds of other places to go --- why take over our peaceful waterway?	3/6/2017 2:42 PM
399	Safer; environmentally friendly; no wake; quiet, pleasant atmosphere; cleaner; our drinking water comes from the canal; oil and gas could pollute the water; preserve natural habitat for animals - birds, ducks, loons, fish, frogs, etc.; no erosion of cement sides. Years ago we put a motor boat in the canal for an afternoon and it was a disaster. The parking lot was hectic and we witnessed an argument between drivers, dogs running around off-leash (swimming and jumping off docks); people swimming where boats were docking; witnessed a swimmer almost get hid by a jet ski. Out on the water, no rules applied - boats, jet skis, swimmers, dogs everywhere. Kids everywhere without adult supervision.	3/6/2017 2:16 PM
400	1) Water is clean to swim in it (important especially for children), as there is no gas or oil spills in water, additionally the WRW is a dead end and water needs years to exchange for a clean one); 2) It is quiet around the canal	3/6/2017 2:01 PM
401	No motor boats to disturb those trying to fish!	3/6/2017 1:58 PM
402	I enjoy an environment with limited pollution, including noise pollution.	3/6/2017 1:50 PM
403	I haven't read the bylaw (no copy readily available on the city website) but i often walk along the canal and do not want to hear motor boats.	3/6/2017 1:29 PM
404	Yes	3/6/2017 1:21 PM

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405	Yes we as a city are finally creating a unique facility which people from around the world are praising it's uniqueness. There is a critical mass of opinion that we Wellanders have a gem of a waterway which is completely unique and other communities would love to have, and is getting busier each passing year	3/6/2017 12:37 PM
406	prevents bank erosion and noise pollution	3/6/2017 12:32 PM
407	Too many present activities ( canoeing, kayaking, swimming) would be affected directly or indirectly. Furthermore, the noise of motorized craft in the middle of the city at any time of the day would not be welcomed. There are sections of the waterway that could possibly meet the kind of activity sought by motorized craft owners ( away from the centre of town, not impeding canoeing, swimming, etc activity and safety.	3/6/2017 12:26 PM
408	It makes it safer for people kayaking, etc as there is no waves or wake. It's nice walking along the canal or cycling with no motor boat or jet ski noises. People can enjoy listening to the birds. The waterway is small, motorized vehicles need more space and should be used at the lake.	3/6/2017 12:00 PM
409	but i don't hink motoroized boats would do any harm	3/6/2017 11:58 AM
410	safety of all on the canal - motors cause wakes	3/6/2017 10:24 AM
411	The recreational use has been growing over the past few years, with paddlers and swimmers. I think that allowing motorized vehciles will discourage these activites.	3/6/2017 10:02 AM
412	Its a widely used area for swimmers and children, motorized boats could potentially cause medical emergencies	3/6/2017 7:21 AM
413	yes	3/5/2017 6:05 PM
414	Motorized craft would make swimming too dangerous	3/5/2017 4:17 PM
415	the chance of abuse and threat of injury will be hightened by changes suggested	3/5/2017 1:50 PM
416	Yes. It's safe for all, including swimmers, quite and peaceful.	3/5/2017 1:37 PM
417	There are enough areas in the niagara region for people who wish to use use motorized boats, let the inner city be the QUIET ZONE there is enough noise in our daily lives.	3/5/2017 1:12 PM
418	Yes. there are many people learning how to paddle and with motorized boats it would be more dangerous and difficult to learn how to paddle. Conditions are ideal now. Motorized crafts would ruin it.	3/5/2017 12:52 PM
419	As it stands presently, it is a quiet peaceful place to enjoy walking alongg the canal paths. Motorized vehicles would detract from this.	3/5/2017 12:38 PM
420	Merritt Island and the canal paths are peaceful and quiet which would not be the case if motor boats or jet skis allowed. Allowing motor boats and jets skies would affect safety of current users on canal.	3/5/2017 11:43 AM
421	Yes - water sports are growing, with non motorized uses like paddle boards and kayaking along with the rowing program on the water	3/5/2017 11:33 AM
422	Yes - wherever we can eliminate noise pollution	3/5/2017 10:01 AM
423	I find that I have to endure enough noise from dirt bikes don't need large motor boats added to it!!	3/5/2017 2:40 AM
424	It's a nice, peaceful place. I enjoy allowing my dogs to swim.	3/4/2017 11:36 PM
425	It's a beautiful waterway, clean clear water. You can see the fish and the ducks swimming. I don't think the pollution and noise caused by boats is worth the enjoyment. We have a perfect launch on the river and can open our boats up their. It's seems entirely unnecessary and can take away from the enjoyment of Merritt island park.	3/4/2017 11:35 PM
426	Yes, it is better for noise and pollution issues	3/4/2017 11:26 PM
427	Swimmers, paddlers etc. should have calm waters. Motor boats would make it unsafe for them. There is lots of other water around for motor boats to use.	3/4/2017 11:24 PM
428	feel safe without motor boats, can train for triathlons	3/4/2017 9:21 PM
429	it's a special place in the region which supports a healthy lifestyle for families and individuals. I drive from St. catharines because it is so serene and the water is great. I learned to sup last summer on the canal and then introduced it to my 4 kids. we rented from the flatwater great family bonding and exercise. I don't know if we would do that if motorized vehicles share the serene safe space.	3/4/2017 9:11 PM
430	saftey,noise , erosion, water quality	3/4/2017 7:33 PM
431	Lots of other local areas for Motor Boat recreational activity	3/4/2017 6:58 PM

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432	Safety and liability. No one cares now about people jumping and diving from our bridges into the canal. City council members see them everyday all summer and say nothing. When someone gets hurt the payments for lawsuits are going to come from taxpayers not insurance companies. No one has purchased a water craft for use in the canal for many many years. The city will not properly police the canal for boats just as they don't for bridge jumpers.	3/4/2017 6:48 PM
433	The noise where I live was unbelievable	3/4/2017 6:12 PM
434	Safer and cleaner water	3/4/2017 5:18 PM
435	Yes. The recreational waterway is used by many people for a variety of non-motorized activities. Adding motorized activities on the waterway would jeopardize the safety of those who are swimming and using non-motorized boats. There would also be a significant disruption to the wildlife in the waterway and environmental impact including pollution from the gasoline used in motorized activities.	3/4/2017 5:11 PM
436	Yes! Would not like to see (particularly gas motor) crafts polluting the waterway. The waterway has a very good reputation presently in the swimming and triathlon communities. Provincials (triathlon) held here last summer with resounding success. As for electric motor...under certain conditions it could be ok (ie: rowing events) but do think there is a safety issue not just for swimmers but for all those using the services like canoe, SUP etc	3/4/2017 4:34 PM
437	There are very few areas where flat water activities can be safely carried out. By far, there are more lakes for motorized aquatic traffic can engage. Introducing motorized vehicles in the canal would impact, non motorized participants' safety, add a noise level that could potentially be offensive and intrusive, and could negatively impact the environment (shoreline and water).	3/4/2017 3:38 PM
438	Let us enjoy a peaceful place that isn't destroyed and obstructed by motorized	3/4/2017 2:18 PM
439	Safety of swimmers, scuba divers, educational program participants	3/4/2017 1:38 PM
440	One of few natural places left for enjoying scenery quietly	3/4/2017 12:38 PM
441	provides a calming relaxing atmosphere	3/4/2017 12:16 PM
442	On most weekends during the summer the canal by the Community Centre is well used by children in kayaks>They cover the canal and if you allow motorized boats you will jeopardize their safety and enjoyment. The canal in this area is also used by swimmers, which you may not be aware of. They are not easy to see in the water and their safety would be compromised. We have a river and Lake Erie for the motor boats. The canal does not need to be all things to all people, keep it quiet and safe please.	3/4/2017 12:10 PM
443	no, would be nice to use the boats we already own	3/4/2017 11:23 AM
444	Peace and tranquility of a beautiful waterway=desireable	3/4/2017 10:44 AM
445	no need to change to add motor vehicles	3/4/2017 10:10 AM
446	Motorized watercraft belong put in open water, the canal is not appropriate.	3/4/2017 9:49 AM
447	Presently the canal is a safe place for non-motorized crafts. Safety is my first concern and how it would change when motorized vehicles would be allowed on the canal. There is absolutely no way that this could be policed. Wasn't one of the reasons for the 'Go Quiet' by-law the death of a man on the canal? Maybe our residents aren't aware of this since it happened so long ago? The canal is a beautiful, safe place to use for families, an entire generation has grown up knowing they can use it without being run over by a motorboat or other fast moving vehicle. Look at all of the people from out of town attracted to the canal for its boat races! Aren't we trying to establish a reputation that our canal is a perfect venue for these world class events? Don't we presently have people looking at Niagara for the Canada games and they would be using our flat water facilities?! Boaters who need a motor to go faster have two lakes and a river very close by where people are expecting them. Why now? What's changed in Welland that suddenly motorized vehicles are being considered on a very peaceful waterway? I strongly oppose this motion. It's not safe.	3/4/2017 9:36 AM
448	safe for swimmers, good for the environment	3/4/2017 9:24 AM
449	It keeps a more peaceful atmosphere, wave levels down with a healthier ecosystem.	3/4/2017 9:15 AM
450	Yes. I believe the use of motorized boats will negatively impact on shore erosion, noise, pollution of water, ecosystem, wildlife, safety of pleasure craft users..... and...the list goes on. We are extremely fortunate to have this jewel of a recreational waterway grace our beloved city. We are also very fortunate to live VERY close to two Great Lakes, Erie and Ontario. I believe these two lakes are more conducive to motorized boats for a variety of reasons,as any boater will attest to.	3/4/2017 8:57 AM
451	Yes. I want the waterway to stay motor free	3/4/2017 8:56 AM
452	It's safe! And peaceful. Speaks highly of the COW	3/4/2017 8:53 AM
453	yes, it is extremely dangerous for motorized boays tobe in canal with people in water.	3/4/2017 8:04 AM

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454	Yes, many others, myself included use this area for training for swimming. It's a matter of safety when it comes motor boats. Many people will stop using the the canal for recreational use just because motor boats are flying around and polluting the area with the fumes from their engines. Imagine training for a triathlon or to become a competitive swimmer, or learning how to kayak with motor boats or sea do's flying around everywhere. If the bylaw opens up for motor boats, one of two things are going to happen. 1) most competitive swimmers and all those who enjoy the peace and quiet by the canal, including the spectators who like to just sit quietly along the canal and enjoy a sunset will now leave and not use the canal. Or 2) some people will continue to use the area for learning and training for swimming or other activities, in which will become very dangerous with boats and sea do's flying around everywhere. We are talking about peoples' safety. I can't understand why the city of Welland would even consider allowing motorized crafts in the canal. Especially since they already know how the area has been used for years.	3/4/2017 7:30 AM
455	Yes	3/4/2017 12:20 AM
456	The rec. canal is a small body of water that runs through many neighbourhoods. We don't need that kind of noise pollution. Plus it could become a safety issue with all the people already using the canal.	3/3/2017 11:38 PM
457	Risk for accident and need for patrolling increased , thus increasing cost of services to the general public. Also there are many alternatives available for motor boats in the very close vicinity.	3/3/2017 11:36 PM
458	canoe kayak needs water to be calm	3/3/2017 11:19 PM
459	Swimmers and scuba divers dont mix well with propellers	3/3/2017 9:37 PM
460	Give user a good controlled area	3/3/2017 9:27 PM
461	The waterway has become a safe place for athletes to train, whether it be rowing, swimming, or triathlon. I remember when motorized water craft were allowed...there were no regulations and it became unsafe for boaters and swimmers.	3/3/2017 9:13 PM
462	Yes, it's seems so rare these days that folks looking to enjoy water activities have a place that doesn't include motor or sailboats. Boat operators tend to use the waterways by the law of gross tonnage. We are bigger, we can do what we want. I hope you lean towards keeping a water rec area that will be safe for groups nit involved in boating. Tks!	3/3/2017 9:11 PM
463	Me and my family enjoy the kayak swimming in the canal all summer long. Motor boats would make it unsafe. I also train for triathlon swimming and enjoy the open water	3/3/2017 8:46 PM
464	The canal is heavily used by non-motorized boats (e.g., canoes, kayaks). Adding motorized boats would likely make these activities more challenging. It would also be unsafe for swimmers, who are not always easily visible.	3/3/2017 8:40 PM
465	The canal is not designed for safe motor transportation, it is a shipping canal. The navigation of small, quick vessels is better suited on open waterways such as the nearby Great Lakes. Add to this, we have developed a large infrastructure for various uses on this system, ie: rowing, canoeing, kayaking, diving, swimming, fishing all of which further limits the sap ace available to safely navigate motorized vessels. Policing of the operation of motorized vessels will be. Limited or non existent as the NRP has suggested. add to that, what would be the added insurance costs downloaded on the city (taxpayer). If this was the only waterway available for the boaters I could understand but frankly, considering where we are geographically and our proximity to water sources far better suited for boating, I believe even having to have this discussion is somewhat disappointing.	3/3/2017 7:53 PM
466	It is great to know that there is a location in the Niagara Region where you can swim in open water and not be concerned about unaware and dangerously operated motorized devices.	3/3/2017 7:47 PM
467	Liability for the city. Has already been a death, canal is not wide enough for power boats or jetskis. Slow moving fishing boats is one thing.	3/3/2017 7:42 PM
468	The Canal is not wide enough or long enough for motorized water craft use. And now with the surge of SUP and Kayak use, motorized craft would only create havoc.	3/3/2017 7:32 PM
469	There's a lake for these motorized boats	3/3/2017 6:21 PM
470	It keeps the gas from the motors out of the water, it makes the canal a more quiet and serene place, the canal is also safer with this law in effect.	3/3/2017 5:40 PM

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471	<p>Council and Campion are trying to reinstate motorboats on the canal based on personal opinions rather than research and critical thinking. Here's some facts: 1) Most wildlife left the canal because of motorboats, in recent years it has finally come back. Reintroducing motorboats will destroy that ecosystem once again. 2)Right now, ANYONE in Welland can use the Canal for flatwater activities. Although Campion has stated several times that the canal is reserved for rowers, this is based entirely on a lack of knowledge of what is happening in his own city rather than fact. The rental program invites anyone. Anyone can swim. Anyone can participate in the numerous clubs and activities available on the canal. If you reintroduce motorboats, regardless of what you think is possible, it will no longer be safe for any flatwater users. There simply isn't room. As of right now, the fire department occasionally trains in the canal and it poses a threat to all users, and that is only one boat. 3) On a wakeless boat, the canal is maybe 15 minutes end to end, how is it worth cutting off flatwater sports so that larger engines can run the whole thing in only a few minutes? 4) With increased traffic, it will not be safe to tow. The canal is shallow on the sides and deep only in the middle, so in order to use safely, there will be no tubing or skiing, which is what you are misleading people into thinking is possible. If traffic increases there will also not be room for wake meaning you will have a whole bunch of boats driving single file at 10kmh. 5) Welland is regarded as a premier competition environment for flatwater sports, rivalled only by a couple of international waterways, this is a huge sacrifice to make and wildly ignorant of Welland's potential economic growth. 6) Shore erosion will begin again.</p>	3/3/2017 4:59 PM
472	Yes- it is nice and peaceful to walk around there; noisy motor boats would destroy the atmosphere	3/3/2017 4:40 PM
473	most people use the site to enjoy the peaceful, tranquil environment, even if not on the water itself, motorized craft would ruin this	3/3/2017 4:29 PM
474	There are very few safe, motor free water areas in our region. I would not feel comfortable allowing my family to train/swim where motorized craft was also operating	3/3/2017 4:26 PM
475	There are enough waterways for motorboat users. Keep the Recreational Waterway safe for people using human-powered craft. It's a safety issue. It's also an environmental issue, in that the world doesn't need more exhaust fumes or noise (that makes it an aesthetic issue too).	3/3/2017 3:43 PM
476	Because noisy motors and the wakes from motorized boats will make the city less liveable	3/3/2017 3:34 PM
477	We dont have many spaces free of boats we need this area to train	3/3/2017 3:31 PM
478	Motorized boats go too fast, for scubadivers they are a real danger as maybe only about1% are familiar with the diver down markers. Also most have no respect for the rest of the people using the waterways, do not slow down to reduce the wake.	3/3/2017 3:28 PM
479	This is a good safety measure.	3/3/2017 3:24 PM
480	We cannot have quality flat water sports programming and training if people are allowed to roam with their recreational watercraft all over the canal. There are two lakes and a river available for this- and they are patrolled by the coast guard. Please do not ruin the training grounds for our local, regional and international athletes.	3/3/2017 3:20 PM
481	It's a busy place currently with non motorized use. With so many other places to use motorboat why ruin a peacefull and functional waterway.	3/3/2017 3:09 PM
482	Yes 100%, we have limited areas in Ontario where one can participate in water based activities without worrying about overhead boat traffic. The canal is also shallow and has a very silty bottom, the wake and turbulence caused by motor boats with render the water's visibility to zero, impacting both divers and the biodiversity that actually exists in the canal. Also the waves hitting the shore banks will cause erosion and deterioration of the canal itself. The water is used heavily by scuba divers in training that can easily surface in the middle of the canal, it also supports several other water based activities that would be negatively impacted by allowing motorboat traffic. Please keep the canal quiet and motor boat free.	3/3/2017 3:01 PM
483	Motorized crafts and swimmers and SUP DO NOT MIX. I can only see this possibility as a danger to the public.	3/3/2017 2:57 PM
484	It is a fabulous resource that would be negatively impacted by. The noise, pollution and safety concerns if motorized vehicles. I also enjoy cycling beside the waterway and back to nature is too precious to lose.	3/3/2017 2:15 PM
485	Yes, motor boats make too much noise right through the core of the city, and ruin the enjoyment of the canal trails, and of Merritt Island.	3/3/2017 1:58 PM
486	I love the way it is now. I like to walk along the canal and watch what ever is going on. I don't think you can	3/3/2017 1:57 PM
487	Safety First - Mixing non-motorized and motorized activies will result in death.	3/3/2017 1:48 PM
488	Power vessels would add a serious safety risk to the non-powered activities which are currently conducted on the waterway.	3/3/2017 1:35 PM
489	IT'S a PARK not a LAKE!!!!	3/3/2017 1:25 PM
490	it is great for the community as a fun way to get exercise and for the safety of the people using it	3/3/2017 1:12 PM



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491	This by-law allows for the use, undisturbed, of nonmotorized boats. As I walk five days a week along the canal between Main Street and the new canal it is rewarding to see the canal being used by all age groups, for the younger users using equipment that they might otherwise not be given the opportunity to try out. This area is often used by athletes in preparation for an event happening near the flatwater centre. Some days swimmers are often seen taking advantage of these ideal conditions to train. I do not understand why a motor boat would want to zip up and down in such a confined space. Welland is establishing itself for its canal why would we change that. If anyone is curious about how fast moving boats would affect any slower moving vessel or wildlife I encourage you to walk the lower trail on Merritt Island and watch the very fast moving boats tear up and down with no regard for the wildlife or shoreline. PLEASE don't let this happen to the canal.	3/3/2017 12:46 PM
492	When In canoe on the canal I do NOT WISH to be disturbed by noisy and smelly MOTORBOATS!!!	3/3/2017 12:36 PM
493	I truly believe motor boats will effect the enjoyment of the waterway for all other users. I am also concerned it will reduce safety. I often dive in the Niagara River and find boaters are not considerate of Divers for example. There have been many times boaters will come up to our dive flag even though law says they must stay away. I also don't believe the canal is wide enough for a motor boat to pass a dive flag.	3/3/2017 12:23 PM
494	Absolutely! The canal is much to small to properly handle anything other than what is allowed now. Not to mention the water is so clear and fresh. I fear allowing other motorboats, jet skis and ski do is ridiculous, selfish and unsafe. There are plenty of other places all in a short distance where these activities can be enjoyed with much more freedom than the limited space in the canal.	3/3/2017 12:14 PM
495	Pollution from oil and gas spills as well as increased litter and garbage are unavoidable. You would be dreaming if you think otherwise. There is very little "flow" in the recreational canal so the stagnation would be a problem. Who will pay the maintenance costs in order to prevent the eyesore from happening? There is a viable river alternative for power boating in the immediate area. It does not see a lot of use. People just want the use of the canal waterway because it is "prettier". It won't stay that way if you allow powerboats.	3/3/2017 12:11 PM
496	It's a great place to swim, paddle without worrying about getting run over.	3/3/2017 12:06 PM
497	Presently the canal is a quiet and enjoyable part of welland free from noise and disturbance of shoreline birds and animals. It is a safe place to enjoy quiet recreation and needs to stay that way.	3/3/2017 12:02 PM
498	I'm not familiar with this bylaw. However if its aim is to have quiet for nearby canal residents I support it.	3/3/2017 11:49 AM
499	Bringing boats will be disruptive to everyone currently using the waterway.	3/3/2017 11:25 AM
500	I enjoy swimming & canoeing in calm water. I think it will be very unsafe with motorized boats.	3/3/2017 10:55 AM
501	The canal has many sections now developed for canoeing, scuba diving, rowing, fishing and concerts that combine with a trail used by walkers, and bicycles in a passive mode. These programs appear to be gaining popularity. Opening the canal for the use of motor boat activities again will foster the noise of jet skis, motor boats and bring on the liability of safety. Combining canoes, rowing shells, paddle boats with motorized vessels in a confined area such as the canal is an accident looking for a place to happen.	3/3/2017 10:44 AM
502	Really I am torn...the quiet is nice but it really isn't fair for one group to have use of the waterway. I do support limited use by others but there should be clear enforceable rules as to where,how much etc. I am also concerned about damage to the banks from large wakes from boats.	3/3/2017 10:41 AM
503	I love the peaceful look of the canal as it now is...somehow can't picture the noise and commotion caused by idiots...	3/3/2017 10:20 AM
504	Yes! It means that the WRW is a place where people will want to be moving forward should residential development grow along the WRW...as it should!	3/3/2017 10:09 AM
505	The recreational centre should be kept for non-motorized purposes. Where else will non-motorized activities take place. What about safety for non-motorized activities? Safety should be paramount.	3/3/2017 9:50 AM
506	As an open water swimmer, the increase in motorized craft puts me at a grester risk of not being observed and hit.	3/3/2017 9:47 AM
507	I love the present status quo for the waterway, it is the best course of action. The motor boats and their users were abusive, polluting,drunken louts on the water- Jet Skis were like pesky flies flitting about wrecklessly- The canal was filled with garbage tossed into water by boaters. Never mind the pollution injected into our drinking water because of motor boat engines!	3/3/2017 9:43 AM
508	Motorized boaters can use the River, Erosion on the Canal is a real concern and the motorized contingent are just looking out for themselves	3/3/2017 9:37 AM
509	The are more than ample opportunities for power boat operators to use their watercraft on other waterways in the region: I am especially concerned about reckless/inconsiderate boaters contributing to environmental damage via pollution/wake, noise disturbance, lack of resources for policing violators including parking of trailers on roadway access. The list of negative impacts is infinite compared with the benefits to the few. be	3/3/2017 9:04 AM

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510	Yes the large number of scuba divers and swimmers would be put at risk by powerboaters	3/3/2017 9:00 AM
511	There are many areas open to power boaters, but this area is unique and serves multiple purposes already. (And I am a power boater!)	3/3/2017 8:58 AM
512	Safety for users	3/3/2017 8:48 AM
513	Yes the cane and the cane parkway is a place that residents can go and enjoy a scenic walk or a place of solitude without have to leave the city. Families can enjoy the water with fear of boats and the nose of motors. Wildlife can be seen because they are not frighten away.	3/3/2017 8:38 AM
514	Keep it quiet. Its too small for motor boats.	3/3/2017 8:31 AM
515	Yes-	3/3/2017 8:30 AM
516	As someone who use to launch their Motor boat in the waterway I've found it no triuble to drive 15 minutes to the lake or other site to boat, however as a diver besides Sheraton which is not always ideal well and is the only option to train new divers in a safe environment.	3/3/2017 8:15 AM
517	We must protect the shoreline from erosion. We want to build on the waterway for the people who live nearby, walk, bike, picnic without the constant roar of engines. Public safety for swimmers and non motor craft from wakes of power boats. Pollution cause by oils and gas left on the water by motor craft. Liability issues to the city for the few people who want power boats in the canal. The majority of people do not own boats, but many others enjoy the waterway the way it is.	3/3/2017 8:14 AM
518	So nice to walk the path and not hear all the noise that would come from motorized boats and this will only add to drinking while using their boats. We live along the waterway and would not like to hear this noise all day long.	3/3/2017 7:56 AM
519	Too many people use it now and policing motorized vehicles would be a nightmare	3/3/2017 7:39 AM
520	its safer for swimmers we need a beach of lincoln st on floatfest lane	3/3/2017 7:39 AM
521	There are so few safe places to be in the water. Why do the motorized boaters need this waterway too? Between the pollutants that seep from motorized boats, to the noise pollution that they carry everywhere with them, I have zero interest in seeing loud motorized boats on that waterway.	3/3/2017 6:29 AM
522	swimmers are too small in the water to be noticed by a motor boat operator. The narrow canal would force ski-boats to take up the whole width when turning. Currently the by-law makes Merritt Island a beautiful quiet paradise right in Welland.	3/3/2017 5:51 AM
523	Non motorized watercraft means safer and cleaner conditions.	3/3/2017 3:34 AM
524	safety for swimmers, kids playing in water, noise pollution	3/3/2017 3:06 AM
525	need quiet, nonpolluted space.	3/3/2017 3:03 AM
526	Dangerous for water users	3/3/2017 2:04 AM
527	Inviting to wildlife, humans and preserves the canal by minimizing erosion from wakes	3/3/2017 1:23 AM
528	no noisy boats, canal is cleaner, safer	3/3/2017 12:51 AM
529	Yes, go quiet is a safe use of the waterway	3/3/2017 12:38 AM
530	Yes it is a safe area for families to swim and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Please dont change it. This is our little piece of heaven ☐	3/3/2017 12:21 AM
531	I walk along the canal paths several times a week & love the quiet. I think people living along side the canal also appreciate no motorized vehicles on the canal.	3/3/2017 12:07 AM
532	Safety and pollution factors.	3/3/2017 12:06 AM
533	The waterway is already busy enough with kayakers, rowers and scuba divers. I do not beleive the waterway is wide enough to support the use of motorized traffic	3/3/2017 12:02 AM
534	Our kids paddled with South Niagara Canoe Club, it is safe for them the way it is	3/2/2017 11:48 PM
535	I go to the canal for tranquility and nature, not to hear motors, wakes and fast watercraft. There are two lakes to support that where noise is dampened by the water. Between the canal banks the noise resonates and echoes. I can even hear what the towers are saying on their boats when in the water. Not to mention the danger and past fatalities in the canal with motor craft, drinking, more vehicles wth trailers impeding on the paved path and not obeying signs...it's already happening without motorized boats in there (east end of Thorold Rd.).	3/2/2017 11:41 PM

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536	Yes mostly for safety issues I take my six year old swimming kayaking and other activities like picnics along the shore and meet up with friends. The water way is not small but it is not large either boaters make it very challenging for kayaking and just unsafe to swim any distance. Jet skis and skidoo in particular are so fast that I wouldn't take my child there. We go there as a family often meeting up with friends and or scuba divers. Boats will also disturb the shorelines and bird populations. The noise will certainly disrupt the peace and reason why we choose this spot. Which when we go is always quite busy. With fishermen, yoga paddle boarding to families just relaxing. I sincerely hope you do not ruin what you have created in this area it is probably my strongest draw to Welland.	3/2/2017 11:30 PM
537	I have taken my family to the Welland Recreational Waterway multiple times over the years and enjoy the fact I can have my 5 year old son swim in the area without worrying about motor boats. I have also am a scuba diver and over the years have done countless dives in the area. I have always felt safe knowing that there have been no motor boats when I dive. If the Go quiet by-law is changed to allow motor boats. I have been diving in the niagara river and I never feel safe as most motor boaters do not follow or understand the laws regarding divers and the safe distance from dive flags. If this by-law is changed I will find someplace safer to dive and to take my family.	3/2/2017 11:29 PM
538	Keep these confined waters clean and for quiet use! Why put the many current users at risk?	3/2/2017 11:29 PM
539	Safety for all users, environmental preservation (noise and wake control and clean, safe water for wildlife preservation	3/2/2017 11:22 PM
540	I swim, fear getting run over!!	3/2/2017 11:09 PM
541	safety for the people using it non moterized watercraft as well as the prolific use of the canal for scuba diving and instruction of diving, kayaks, canoes, etc.	3/2/2017 11:08 PM
542	For the special events that happen on the canal like the Floatfest.... Scuba Diving, recreational swimming, Families participating in activities on the water in an inflatable boat who choose tis specific piece of the welland canal because it is quiet, serene, peaceful... watching the water foul liesurley swim.	3/2/2017 11:06 PM
543	Because there are few non motorized waterways for niagara residents to enjoy with mild current (thus reducing the danger of some water sports and waterway usages)	3/2/2017 11:00 PM
544	I am an avid scuba diving and participate in the training of new divers and diving myself. The dangers associated with any type of power water vehicles will only result in catastrophic environmental and human loss of life	3/2/2017 10:52 PM
545	Yes - It is a beautiful quiet and serene place to relax.	3/2/2017 10:51 PM
546	Only scuba park that represents welland history and shows off a great underwater fresh water Eco system only there due to no power boats	3/2/2017 10:31 PM
547	noise, and pollution are reduced, and it is muchsafer without motorized machines.	3/2/2017 10:25 PM
548	It's a small canal. Children frequent this location and it is one of the only safe open water swim spots in Welland for families to quietly enjoy the wildlife and peacefulness the area allows for Allowing motorized boats will ruin that and the area will become a danger to not only divers but the budding ecosystem and to children and families.	3/2/2017 10:23 PM
549	no other place is motor boat free for safe swimming.	3/2/2017 10:23 PM
550	Safer for divers, swimmers, SUP, kayaking and canoes	3/2/2017 10:22 PM
551	This is a nice spot to go with out the concern of boat traffic.	3/2/2017 10:14 PM
552	Yes. Boats would endanger the safety of novice divers.	3/2/2017 10:08 PM
553	Motor boats will change the entire ecosystem of the waterway.	3/2/2017 9:58 PM
554	I love the waterway, it's so nice for those of us who enjoy paddle sports to have a place where we don't have to worry about seadoos and motorboats coming too close to us, threatening us with their wake. I love the peace, without the noise of motors. Also, I understand that the wakes of boats could damage the sides of the waterway, because of the damage done when it was still part of the canal. As a taxpayer, I don't think we should risk increased erosion or collapses of the bank. I know there were sinkholes up near the Flatwater Centre last year, and that there are already signs of collapse up near Notre Dame.	3/2/2017 9:46 PM
555	Motorized boats are a hazard to recreational users. Owners of motor boats are a minority of the population. Motor boats are NOISY !	3/2/2017 9:44 PM
556	As a scuba diver, I deal with this issue at Humber Bay in Toronto. Motorized boats can add an unsafe enviornment. I've had jet skiers grab onto my equipment (surface marker) and pull it while I'm attached to it underwater. This is very unsafe and a huge pain to deal with.	3/2/2017 9:44 PM
557	Yes, its a peaceful waterway shared by many. There are many places in the area to use motorized boats. Its a recipe for disaster.	3/2/2017 9:39 PM

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558	Yes, as I use the trails by the waterway regularly, and appreciate the quiet, as well as the ability to get away from fumes and exhaust. I would not enjoy having that disturbed by motorized vehicles.	3/2/2017 9:38 PM
559	It allows a safe place for our citizens to learn, practice and safely enjoy sports that otherwise would not be available to them locally.	3/2/2017 9:36 PM
560	There are sufficient other places close enough for boating but not for diving, canoeing, etc. Adding boat traffic will put human life at risk and is not worth that risk.	3/2/2017 9:32 PM
561	It is used by many people the way it is. It would become unsafe for the people who have come to appreciate and love the fact that they don't have to worry about boat traffic. There are lots of places of places for people to use their boats around the city. There are however not many safe places for the people to enjoy the fishing, canoeing, rowing among other activities in welland. The recreational canal is becoming a would renowned place for rowing, canoeing and triathlon. To allow motorized boats on the canal will take away from all its charm and safety.	3/2/2017 9:28 PM
562	There are many places in the Niagara Region for the use of motorized marine vessels. The availability of safe waterways suitable for all the currently permitted uses is almost non existent.	3/2/2017 9:27 PM
563	Safety. Limited good training areas for divers.	3/2/2017 9:27 PM
564	Motor boats and jet skis have two great Lakes and many other rivers and creeks to use that are more suitable and their use in those bodies of water would not conflict with other users anywhere near the conflicts that would arise in the recreational canal.	3/2/2017 9:18 PM
565	Brings economy to Welland through the sporting events	3/2/2017 9:11 PM
566	Yes...this is an amazing resource. Divers and triathletes come from all areas supporting local businesses while training. You will displace/push all these people to other resources. Fatalities will be inevitable. It will only be a matter of time before someone is killed by a boater not following directions. As for policing the canal. I know for a fact the the NRP Marine Unit do not have the manpower to police this waterway. They are already taxed with the two Great Lakes and the Niagara River.	3/2/2017 9:02 PM
567	Yes, for safety reasons	3/2/2017 9:01 PM
568	It allows for safe and predictable recreation.	3/2/2017 9:01 PM
569	We must also consider the nature and fish supported by this body of water.	3/2/2017 8:59 PM
570	It is a beautiful, peaceful place for non-motorized water sports. Why ruin that?	3/2/2017 8:51 PM
571	There are 1,000 of square kms otherwise available for motorized equipment, but the Welland Canal is a special place where rules can be enforced and grant people, citizens, and visitors a safe place to spend some time on/in/around the water.	3/2/2017 8:46 PM
572	Yes. It's one of the few "safe" spots where scuba divers can come and enjoy the area from around the GTa for both certified divers and training of new divers. It's a perfect location for such activities and we love bringing friends and students to the area regularly.	3/2/2017 8:46 PM
573	Yes- there are plenty of options for powered water craft within the area. There are currently very limited options for paddlers	3/2/2017 8:43 PM
574	I do agree with the GO Quiet by law & this is not something I have always agreed with. I thought it was very unfair to the welland residents to take away the use of the canal but after a few years I have noticed a huge change in our water & surrounding areas. I have noticed the water is much cleaner, there is much more wildlife & much less pollution from not having the motorized boats. Maybe once in a while on special occasions we could have small motor boats in the canal or maybe a tour boat with an electric engine to tour our beautiful canal out to the lake would be nice. Hmmmmm make I'll start that business & you will grant me a special permit :-)	3/2/2017 8:40 PM
575	other recreation water "toys" can use the lake where boats are supposed to be where there is more room and the waters are monitored by the coast guard.	3/2/2017 8:40 PM
576	not sure	3/2/2017 8:40 PM
577	I moved to Niagara so my family could participate in the flat water sporting initiatives, kayak and canoe at the Welland International Flatwater Centre. I have put in extensive effort through the Flatwater Centre and the South Niagara Canoe Club to raise funding to enhance the programming offered, including being the only fully accesible boating facility in Canada for people with disabilities, and for safe flatwater boating education. This is a unique waterway, and world class for training in flatwater sports. There are so many other waterways within a short drive, Lakes Erie and Ontario, the Welland and Niagara Rivers, and beyond where motorized boats are permitted and where flatwater sports are not well suited. The Recreational Canal is unique in the world, and should be protected for its unique qualities.	3/2/2017 8:21 PM
578	It keeps the serenity of the space	3/2/2017 8:20 PM

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579	Yes there are still many ways to enjoy the recreational waterway. It's taken some time to get creative about it but it's nice to see the kayaks and paddle boards etc. Of motorboats come back it will over run over all these other established activities	3/2/2017 8:09 PM
580	Safety, clean water - no oil or gas, peaceful, family friendly, less alcohol	3/2/2017 8:08 PM
581	I believe that the bylaw should continue as is because having the canal be motorboat free has the potential to make us a hub for flatwater sports. The city has already started to invest in the long term for this (eg. The PanAm Flatwater Centre) and to change the bylaw would be a step backwards. Organizations would no longer want to train or use the facilities and surrounding waterways for fear of safety. One of the reasons that many people come from all over to use the waterway is that they can continuously train/paddle long distances without having to deal with wake from motors, look out for reckless boat operators or be contained to a single strip of water. If the bylaw were to be changed I can guarantee that organizations would look elsewhere to hold their events, therefore losing revenue for the city and surrounding businesses and a significant loss in investment for the city from assets like the flatwater centre, illuminaqua and the scuba park.	3/2/2017 8:05 PM
582	As a Senior I enjoy the quiet of a nice walk along the waterway.	3/2/2017 7:57 PM
583	Yes	3/2/2017 7:53 PM
584	safer for divers and peaceful for canoes	3/2/2017 7:52 PM
585	If individuals are able to take small motorized boats on the canal for fishing/lesiure purposes it would bring people to enjoy the outdoors. Mind you there needs to be regulated rules so you don't have irresponsible individuals ruining it for everyone else. You should be able to do night fishing as long as you have appropriate lighting on your boat. This will help bring our community together and to enjoy the beautiful canal more.	3/2/2017 7:50 PM
586	As the former Ins Adjuster for this city for 40 years I.m deeply concerned about the legal liability issues , enforcement of the bylaw, cost associated with these changes .Looking at legal issues and having to consider defense costs to defend legal actions for valid or invalid claims and the Insurnace deductible to defend actions with in the peramiters of the Insurance deductible why would council burden the Taxpayer with that cost.It appears to me some council members have not looked at the entire picture to appease a few residents to run motorized boats on a passive water way .To change the current bylaw is ill conceived. The bylaw is not broken so don,t try to fix something that is not broken	3/2/2017 7:44 PM
587	Yes. Walking the canal is a respite from the noises and busyness of life. The quite is what draws us. The recreation is possible only because of the non-motor policy. It also is a economic draw to the community as many come to swim and kayak in the canal and spend money locally.	3/2/2017 7:42 PM
588	Because the waterway was not controlled in any way. I walk along the daily and when there were power boats I saw many near incidents. I even had people try to swamp my dog when he was swimming. There was too many irresponsible actions observed.	3/2/2017 7:25 PM
589	It is one of the best sites in the North America for flat water paddling and competition. If this changes this could prevent these sports from utilizing this waterway.	3/2/2017 7:24 PM
590	The noise by-law is OK.	3/2/2017 6:53 PM
591	It will get loud and wont be safe for kyaks & children rowing. Small boast for fishing I think is fine but once you allow jet skis & tubes on it will not be a safe place to row anymore unless serparated.	3/2/2017 6:51 PM
592	The recreational canal is a special, beautiful resource! There is not enough room for safety of swimmers and novice boaters if gas-driven propellers were in the canal. Not enough margin in case of driver error. If small gas motors would be allowed, enforcement of their size and number would be very difficult. I do not expect that the canal has sufficient surface or flow to dissipate exhaust and other residue from gas motors.	3/2/2017 6:45 PM
593	It has been absolutely perfect this way, no noise, no fumes in people's yards and homes who live on or near the water. The lake is a more suitable location for motorized boats. Keep Welland the beautiful calm quiet low key city it is please and thank you	3/2/2017 6:38 PM
594	The waterway is currently a pleasant environment, the noise and danger introduced by relaxing the by-law are unnecessary.	3/2/2017 6:24 PM
595	Motorized traffic will have a significant negative impact on existing traffic.	3/2/2017 6:24 PM
596	WE are surrounded by two Great Lakes which are wonderful for motor boats, sea doos, jet skis etc. It is wonderful to have the recreational waterway to use for non motorized activities. It is safe for all the triathletes and other swimmers training in the water. Excellent for kayaking, canoing stand up paddle boards and diving. There is no need whatsoever to bring power boats back to the canal.	3/2/2017 6:15 PM
597	Its the only place dogs can go swim without boats our dog park is shitty enough so yes we will use the canal	3/2/2017 6:13 PM

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598	Noise reduction, bank erosion, Less liability for the city due to careless use of motorcraft by negligent or impaired operators. The serenity of the waterway adds to the charm of Welland. We have 2 great lakes a short drive in each direction. Let the boaters stay there.	3/2/2017 6:12 PM
599	THE CANAL IS VERY NARROW AND NOT CONDUCIVE FOR SAFE MOTORIZED USE. THE CANAL CAN NOW BE ENJOYED BY KAYAKERS, CANOES, FISHERMEN, SWIMMERS. I REMEMBER AS A YOUTH THE NOISE AND DANGERS POSED BY MOTORIZED CRAFT IN THE CANAL. MANY ACCIDENTS AND NEAR MISSES, KEEP IT QUIET!	3/2/2017 6:05 PM
600	Noise pollution would ruin the bucolic nature of the area. Wildlife would be affected. Waterfowl nests would be disturbed.	3/2/2017 5:59 PM
601	The area is in a residential area and the citizens enjoy the peacefulness of the waterway and the Quiet activites	3/2/2017 5:50 PM
602	Motorized boats or other craft could potentially be distracting to automobile drivers.	3/2/2017 5:47 PM
603	Not large enough area to have motorized boats mixed in with people in the water	3/2/2017 5:45 PM
604	The scuba park is a safe place for begginers and it won't be if motor boats are allowed in the area.	3/2/2017 5:42 PM
605	We walk and bicycle along the waterway and enjoy the scenery and the peace and quietness of the experience	3/2/2017 5:37 PM
606	The space in the rec waterway is not large/wide enough to accommodate the faster-moving motorized traffic without putting swimmers and slower-moving boats at risk. The additional noise would be most unwelcome as well.	3/2/2017 5:33 PM
607	Better planned activities by recreation department would result in greater use. ie; floatfest	3/2/2017 5:29 PM
608	There are two Great Lakes readily available for those with/wanting to use motor boats. The Waterway should be free of excess, unnecessary noise and water pollution. Also, I do not believe issues concerning safety could ever be properly addressed. pollution - both noise and water.	3/2/2017 5:29 PM
609	Yes. It ensures a safe and calm way to enjoy nature and activities with friends and family on the water. If engines are permitted, my family will have to find another place to enjoy kayaking and canoeing in safe/calm waters.	3/2/2017 5:22 PM
610	Safety issues as a paddler and peace of the space.	3/2/2017 5:14 PM
611	As a scuba diver, safety is of great concern	3/2/2017 5:12 PM
612	I've noticed more diverse use of the waterway since motors were banned.	3/2/2017 5:11 PM
613	Because there is the river for that use the canal is flat water it is an asset and beautiful.	3/2/2017 5:07 PM
614	the trails along the canal give peace and quiet to relieve stress. we all need this place to reflect and to get away from the noise of the city.	3/2/2017 5:05 PM
615	O absolutely agree with the current by laws. This creates a very relaxing and pleasurable atmosphere in the city	3/2/2017 5:01 PM
616	Quiet & environmental reasons	3/2/2017 5:01 PM
617	Yes	3/2/2017 4:57 PM
618	Yes. The canal should be enjoyed. We have brought our lunch to eat by the canal. It would be disturbing to have to hear the annoying jet skies or boat motors while trying to have some relaxing quiet time by the canal. They can go be annoying on Lake Erie or Lake Ontario.	3/2/2017 4:50 PM
619	I used to water ski on the canal and was amazed that there wasn't an accident. I can also recall hearing the motor boats in my neighbourhood 2 km away	3/2/2017 4:49 PM
620	Yes. There are so many bodies of water available in this area we do not need to destroy this peaceful area. Besides one jet ski death IA already too many.	3/2/2017 4:44 PM
621	It's better for the water way. All the animals around the canal. So many people use it . I use to wall along the canal when the boats were allowed and it was scary watching them race around.	3/2/2017 4:33 PM
622	to a certain extain no traffic between 1100pm to 6am	3/2/2017 4:31 PM
623	I live right on the canal and motor noise is very disturbing. Also concerned about the safety of non-motorized users and swimmers.	3/2/2017 4:31 PM
624	It protects the sole international landmark and tourist attraction we have from being spoiled by motorboats.	3/2/2017 4:27 PM
625	Too much risk due to irresponsible use of motor boats, especially young people. Also, we have enough noise pollution as it is.	3/2/2017 4:06 PM
626	Yes, I most certainly do. We are surrounded by water where motorized crafts can operate. Keep our existing canal safe, quiet, protected from erosion, quiet by the concert venue and for folks to enjoy fishing swimming, cayaking, etc.	3/2/2017 4:02 PM

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627	Yes, for ensuring safety of those enjoying non-motorized activities on the waterway such as dragon boat, canoe, kayak, stand up paddling, swimming, and fishing. To promote a healthy and active lifestyle and encourage participation in such activities on the waterway. To encourage peaceful and quiet enjoyment of the waterway and nearby canal lands. Also to preserve the waterway's natural beauty, prevent erosion of the land, preserve wildlife and prevent pollution from litter and gasoline. There are other bodies of water near to Welland (Lakes Erie and Ontario) where people can take their motorboats and other motorized water toys.	3/2/2017 4:00 PM
628	There are many other areas for motorized vehicles to go. The mix of person power	3/2/2017 3:59 PM
629	Being an operator of a motorized vessel, I believe the Waterway is not conducive to safe/responsible operation of a motorized vessel. The Canal is too narrow to safely support two way traffic. Without strict speed and lane restrictions, this would surely be accidents in the making. Unfortunately, in this day and age we cannot rely on everyone being responsible and following rules, which, short of having a patrol boat on every bend on the waterway, cannot be fully enforced. All it takes is one act of irresponsibility to cause an accident.	3/2/2017 3:58 PM
630	the scuba park provides a safe environment for teaching new divers and practise for experience divers	3/2/2017 3:54 PM
631	Motorized traffic can use the river. With trails, parks, and other quiet areas along the canal it would be nice to keep them as peaceful as possible. That quiet is one of the reasons I love to walk on the trails. I also believe motorized and non-motorized traffic do not mix. No amount of "policing" will change the fact that many non-motorized water vessels are not operated properly	3/2/2017 3:48 PM
632	There is really no reason for power boats in the waterway, especially those over a certain HP.. law states anything within 30 meters of shore must be a no wake area and restricted to 10 km/h, much of the canal is less then 90-100 meters across doesnt leave much space for people to open the throttle.	3/2/2017 3:48 PM
633	yes it is serene	3/2/2017 3:43 PM
634	It would detract from the wonderful paddling and swimming! It is much healthier!	3/2/2017 3:42 PM
635	I enjoy walking near the waterway to enjoy the quiet. I like seeing people safely canoeing (we have in the past been almost swamped by a motorboat) kayaking, swimming, etc.	3/2/2017 3:33 PM
636	It is wonderful to just sit and enjoy the view and the peace and quiet. Please don't bring the noise back it will ruin the canal for everyone for the enjoyment of only a few.	3/2/2017 3:26 PM
637	The canal although long it is very narrow and having motorized crafts is very dangerous. We speak from experience as we previously owed a motorboat and found it way too narrow. As an avid kayaker and a regular patron of the concert series we would find it very dangerous and disturbing to have motorized water crafts of any sort, especially jet skis. It would also be very dangerous for the numerous scuba divers that use the canal on a regular basis.	3/2/2017 3:22 PM
638	I enjoy the peace and quiet along the waterway and I would be upset if that was taken away from me.	3/2/2017 3:21 PM
639	As a frequent user of the trails running along the canal (walking and biking) it has been a sheer pleasure to enjoying the peace and quiet. The canal is presently being used a great deal by various groups. It is not unusual to see a group of canoeists, kayakists and swimmers able to enjoy the canal all at the same time. I believe all this will change once motor boats are allowed back in. Even with rules and regulations in place as we all know, there are those that will not follow and make some bad potentially dangerous situations. I do worry about the erosion over time of the canal. This could add extra costs which in turn will raise taxes. Noise and air pollution are also a huge concern if this by-law is changed. I worry about the safety of swimmers and those enjoying non-motorized methods. These past few years I have lived in Fonthill. But I am still a proud to say I was born, raised and lived in Welland over 50 years. It would be a huge mistake to change the by-law.	3/2/2017 3:20 PM
640	If people want to take boats on the water then they can use the river which is not that far away. I feel that boats in the canal could pose a danger to children swimming off the Lincoln St dock. Right now the water is relatively clean but I feel that if motorized boats were allowed that we would start seeing an oil-slick on the surface and who wants to swim in that? I also believe that motorized boats could create hazards for smaller crafts due to their wakes.	3/2/2017 3:14 PM
641	an accident just waiting to happen is the status quo is not maintained.	3/2/2017 3:06 PM
642	It is a peaceful landscape and motor boats will create disturbances and pollution as well as safety concerns	3/2/2017 3:03 PM
643	Any day of the week, but especially weekday afternoon/evenings and weekends the waterway is a hive of activity...sprint Paddlers, dragon boaters, rowers, open water swimmers training for local and international competitions. People in kayaks, canoes and on SUPs out for a leisurely paddle. Fishermen fishing from the shore and the bridges. I feel strongly that motorized water craft would be severely disruptive and possibly drive many of the other users away	3/2/2017 2:58 PM
644	We use this area for safe diving. No other areas in Niagara is approved for safe use	3/2/2017 2:41 PM
645	Yes.	3/2/2017 2:35 PM

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646	Local residents don't want to hear the constant engine noise. Sea doos are extremely loud.	3/2/2017 2:35 PM
647	Preserve the shore line, the waves created by motorized boats would erode the shores as well as make it difficult for the current users (rowers, canoes, kayakers, sup paddlers, swimmers) due to the wake which would keep bouncing back and forth. The narrow waterway would not be safe with motorized boats on it as well. Motorized boats have Lake Ontario to play on.	3/2/2017 2:33 PM
648	you don't have to worry about boats or skidoo's coming up on you and the noise factor of the motors running	3/2/2017 2:26 PM
649	quiet and less erosion of the canal walls	3/2/2017 2:22 PM
650	Yes	3/2/2017 2:20 PM
651	motor boats don't obey rules. Too fast, loud, reckless.	3/2/2017 2:15 PM
652	Yes. We have large lakes at either end of the highway where power boaters and jet-skiers can plough and harrow the water and make all the noise they please. Let's leave a small area of peace and tranquility in the centre of the city. Power motors and jet skis will only serve to erode the canal banks and jeopardize the safety of non-motorized crafts.	3/2/2017 2:14 PM
653	Protecting the underwater species. Promoting this as a world class flatwater sports venue.	3/2/2017 2:12 PM
654	Because it is quiet and safe for anyone using it for canoeing or kayaking	3/2/2017 2:11 PM
655	flat water sports, and motor boats do not mix well. As a swimmer, I remember when motor boats and jet ski's used to try to run you down in the canal.	3/2/2017 2:09 PM
656	We presently hear city workers cut grass in park from our location, would not appreciate noise from motor boats, nor smell of gas when I walk that trail almost every day.	3/2/2017 2:08 PM
657	since the new quiet by law it's more an enjoyment to do and walk around. Motorised boats and jet ski can use the bypass river.	3/2/2017 2:03 PM
658	Yes because it is safe, environmentally friendly and provides a quiet relaxing atmosphere for users of the canal & trails.	3/2/2017 2:03 PM
659	This waterway should remain tranquil so that future endeavours to develop commerce surrounding the water way can provide opportunities without conflict of noise, destruction of banks etc.	3/2/2017 1:58 PM
660	The present use of the recreational waterway allows many people to enjoy it. Although I don't live in the city I appreciate what has occurred to allow for canoe, kayak, paddle board and divers a safe place to enjoy and participate in their past times.	3/2/2017 1:51 PM
661	I own Dan's Dive Shop in St. Catharines, we routinely offer scuba diving certification checkouts at the Welland Recreational Waterway, as do a number of other dive stores and instructors from the area, Hamilton, Oakville, Burlington, Kitchener and Toronto. It is a very popular area for new divers who are inexperienced and learning to hone their skills, so there are instances where divers get separated from their dive buddies and have to "pop up" away from their flag, or where divers are swimming, snorkeling and free diving in black suits with a little head sometimes poking out of the water, which can be a safety concern were you to allow boats, jetskis and more in the water. The system has worked well for our divers personally with the rowing as we have been given notice by the city regarding regattas and when we can/can't use the area. We also host many yearly events which we've paid local businesses to put in toilets, tents, as well as picnic tables, garbage cans and more, so whether we are introducing people to the area many restaurants or hosting local events to bring people to the area, we are trying to spread awareness and money throughout the local communities businesses which would otherwise be relegated to Sherkston Shores, Lake Erie, Humber Bay Windmill Point Park for training. I think from a safety standpoint it should be a boat free area and continue to be forever. There are a great many other places those boaters can go to.	3/2/2017 1:49 PM
662	Yes divers need a safe place to dive	3/2/2017 1:44 PM
663	Adding motorized vehicles to the canal would provide an added risk to the scuba divers.	3/2/2017 1:44 PM
664	Because it is a nice quiet spot to enjoy nature and safely use non motorized watercraft as well as swim.	3/2/2017 1:44 PM
665	This beautiful setting, now home to birds, animals, fish, would be disrupted. Any motorized traffic will spoil the ecosystems that currently exist in and around the canal.	3/2/2017 1:38 PM
666	yes but that should also mean that small craft can use it with restricted horsepower and hours of use	3/2/2017 1:38 PM
667	Yes. It is to my understanding that costly damage from the wake was damaging the walls and bases of the bridges. It wouldn't even be possible without repair to past damages and fund allocation for future maintenance.	3/2/2017 1:36 PM
668	Yes - Public Safety	3/2/2017 1:35 PM
669	Because currently it's quiet, and there is no disturbance to others doing other water activities. Otherwise there would be pollution from motorized traffic, waves created such boats, and it could be potentially more dangerous for others on the waterway, as well as noisy along the pathway.	3/2/2017 1:30 PM



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670	The rec canal has become quiet and safe for canoes and kayaks. Large motor boats create wake that is dangerous to them as well as stirring up silt, making the water cloudy.	3/2/2017 1:27 PM
671	I like how quiet and peaceful the canal is. I enjoy walking along it, and I work at Civic Square and during my lunch hour in the summer I like to go out to Merritt Island and relax. Allowing motorized traffic would disrupt the tranquility.	3/2/2017 1:26 PM
672	It increases the safety of all scuba activities	3/2/2017 1:25 PM
673	Small boats need flat water area to practice on. Bigger boats can use either lakes, or welland river	3/2/2017 1:22 PM
674	The canal is safe place to scuba dive and would like it to stay that way.	3/2/2017 1:16 PM
675	Motorized traffic would make scuba almost impossible, certainly very dangerous, as the canal (Welland Scuba park) is used by a number of shops for training. This involves divers surfacing during a session in order to discuss in-water training issues.	3/2/2017 1:10 PM
676	Motorized boaters already have many options for recreational and fishing use, whereas quiet users have fewer options.	3/2/2017 1:10 PM
677	Boaters have the lakes, niagara river, Chippawa creek and the other section of the welland canal to boat in, whereas water enthusiasts such as myself and friends don't want to be tipped off a paddle board, run over while swimming or scuba diving. We've seen dive schools with students who don't have Buoyancy control come rocketing up to the surface and almost get run over by the rowing pace boats and many boaters in this area don't know what bubbles from a diver look like, what those flags mean, some boaters also partake in drinking and motor boating which can be catastrophic to a swimmer if they get hit. I do not in any way shape or form believe boats should be regularly allowed in the recreational section of the canal	3/2/2017 1:08 PM
678	Clean water better fishing	3/2/2017 1:07 PM
679	My family used the waterway for paddle sports and fishing. If they allow motor boats the wake and speed of some boats will cause accidents and problems for paddelers. Motor boats will also bring a level of pollution into the waterway that we dont' want. There are enough lakes and rivers close by for people to put their boats in, lets not loose one of the only calm/safe places for people to paddle and fish quitely. I don't think people will be able to scuba dive safely anymore either if boats and jet skis are running up and down the canal. Currently the waterway is one of the pluses in Welland that keep me from moving back up north.	3/2/2017 1:06 PM
680	Yes!!!! this is such a beautiful and quiet area which needs to be preserved. There are young children out in canoes and kayaks. Motor boats would make this totally unsafe. The wake from motor boats would be dangerous for rowers and paddlers of all ages.	3/2/2017 1:04 PM
681	The canoe rental program is just starting to get people excited and use the canal. Use of motorized boats may discouraged new/ first time users.	3/2/2017 1:02 PM
682	Boats will create more wake - bad for man powered boats (kayak), swimmers, & the preservation of the canal banks. People don't police themselves - too big,too fast boats.	3/2/2017 12:59 PM
683	Residents deserve peace and quiet. Boats would prove a safety hazard to swimmers and rowers	3/2/2017 12:59 PM
684	There is no reason for powered boats to be in a closed canal that supplies water to the city	3/2/2017 12:58 PM
685	Because it allows us divers too brush up on our skills and do new training in a safe environment.	3/2/2017 12:55 PM
686	It is nice to have green space within a city that is unencumbered by motorized vehicles	3/2/2017 12:53 PM
687	safety	3/2/2017 12:51 PM
688	I can see many people getting hurt. It may be a long water way but it's not wide enough to support boats coming and going, swimmers, recreational activities supported by the rental program. How would motor boats and events like the float fest get along?? I've seen comments on recent articles and the comments don't give me a feeling of being safe on the water way.	3/2/2017 12:46 PM
689	If you allowed the use of Motor vehicles on the canal then the current use of the canal becomes unsafe. The waterway will once again be for only the wealthy who can afford the boats and water skies. Boats have nowhere to go in the canal, they can use the river and the lakes they do not need the canal aswell.	3/2/2017 12:41 PM
690	Waterway needs to be restricted and enforced. Too difficult to do so if current law is lifted. Plus wear and tear on the canal lands	3/2/2017 12:39 PM
691	As a family we remember how deadly it was before with seafood and water-skiers taking over the canal and several accidents and injuries as a result. People couldn't swim safely or use floats at all. Fishing was difficult with the wakes of boats and any attempts by police to regulate were useless. Only the few who could afford boats and seadoos could use the waterway.	3/2/2017 12:38 PM

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692	I love using the canal to paddle! There are many other places for a motor boat, but not the canal. It has become a special place to bring people together to live active healthy lives. We don't need boat traffic, environmental and recreation disturbances	3/2/2017 12:36 PM
693	Safety for all water sport users should be the priority	3/2/2017 12:33 PM
694	I believe a compromise is possible in theory, but prohibitive (due to cost and practicality) to enforce.	3/2/2017 12:31 PM
695	motorized traffic will lead to serious injuries/death	3/2/2017 12:27 PM
696	Yes - Helps keep the waterway cleaner, safer	3/2/2017 12:23 PM
697	Families should be able to teach their kids how to paddle safely without motorized vehicles being a barrier to learning.	3/2/2017 12:04 PM
698	safety first and more enjoyable not listening to over zealous jet skis/motorboats; seeing near misses on the water -- preserves the natural beauty and peacefulness for families to enjoy and local homes, who are paying higher tax premiums of living close, not having to listen to the noise of careless and often unregulated boating -- if allowed -- will certainly be moving from Welland - you are subjecting the most enjoyable natural area of Welland; which promotes good health and is a fantastic draw to the area, to a swift decline. Many problems are currently difficult to police on the paths/Merrit Island area, never mind introducing yet another challenge where safety will certainly be compromised. Will be a sad day to see such an idea pass.	3/2/2017 12:00 PM
699	I love that I can take my kids paddling on the canal where they are free to learn and explore the waterway as they learn to paddle and we don't have to worry about navigating around power boats. I also love being about to use the river in town for power boating. We have both!	3/2/2017 11:54 AM
700	I think the by-law in place is just fine as it is. There are so many reasons to keep motorized boats off the recreational waterway. While it's crucial for users like rowers, etc., to be able to have a place where they don't have to worry about safety concerns, the most important reason for the ban is long-term preservation of the waterway. You only have to walk along trails to see the canal banks are unstable, you can see the cracking in the pavements parallel to the banks in places all along the canal, not to mention the sinkholes which appeared last year just south of Ontario Road on the east bank. Decades of use by huge ships with their large displacements undermined the bank structures, and the wakes caused even by small vessels like Sea-Doos would dramatically hasten the erosion of those already unstable banks. It is key to understand it is a man-made waterway, and while it looks okay on the surface, there are serious long-term threats to the stability of the banks. Imagine what would happen if the banks collapse along the downtown core, and all the buildings, including city-owned ones, which would be threatened.	3/2/2017 11:43 AM
701	It is nice a quiet, very pleasant if people want to use motor boats they can use the Welland River to do so	3/2/2017 11:26 AM
702	noise level is quiet, less pollution to our source of drinking water, less erosion of walls and not sure how you ensure safety of paddlers	3/2/2017 11:13 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>No-Please explain why</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	I have a motor boat and want to boat on the canal	4/22/2017 8:05 PM
2	No....I really feel we need to look at a way to try to accommodate more interest in our canal...it's not just for the "paddle boat " people. Motor boats (smaller size motors) should certainly have a place there too!! We have so much along the canal...and let's make use of the River...let's start planning for use of the river within city limits!!	4/21/2017 9:47 PM
3	I don't agree	4/21/2017 9:18 PM
4	Should be open for the benefit of everyone	4/21/2017 7:18 PM
5	No, I feel its untillized and should have motorized boats allowed	4/21/2017 7:09 PM
6	All should be able to use the canal. We should work together to make it fun for everyone!	4/21/2017 5:53 PM
7	While I prefer to use my Canoe, and fish. I do understand that others enjoy other things,see no reason why only one specific group should be able to use the canal. Lets divide it up or set times so we can all use this awesome waterway that we're so lucky to have.	4/21/2017 5:42 PM
8	No it is illegal and immoral and selfish to restrict the use to only a few people when it is empty most of the time, Welland does not have the right to take the rights away guaranteed by federal law, these waters do not belong to Welland	4/21/2017 5:03 PM
9	You have taken away use of the canal from residents of Welland and there was a large amount of boaters that came to Welland to use the canal bringing in more money.	4/21/2017 4:50 PM

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10	I do not support the current go quiet bylaw. It's rather unfair that only a select group should be able to enjoy our waterway. I actually think EVERYONE could enjoy the waters. We could have one end of the canal for Canoe, Kayakers, etc ,and the other end for motorboats and Jet Skis. Or better yet....Why don't we allocate the old canal in Dain City near the rowing club for Kayakers, and Canoe's, etc, and have the recreational canal in the city for Motorboats. This way everyone could be happy. I've also researched the whole erosion thing and it's a crock. The canal was built for large ships, and to withstand wake/waves foe decades with minimal maintenance.	4/21/2017 4:41 PM
11	No, I think expanded use would encourage more tourism to our city.	4/21/2017 4:41 PM
12	No, the current status prevents any possible future expansion of special events	4/21/2017 7:53 AM
13	As in other cities with waterways going through them, this would attract boaters to our city centre where docking facilities could be built to enable people to access Welland's amenities and events. This is a long term vision. Also, a schedule would need to be established on a yearly basis for sharing the waterways so that non-motorized craft can be used, thereby including all possible users. User fees would of course be paid for any use, helping with the funding for upkeep.	4/20/2017 9:02 AM
14	Probably not. It leads to the need for enforcement, and also brings out that rare group of people who are intoxicated and ripping around endangering the lives of other boaters and the peaceful enjoyment of those on non motorized watercraft. You know they are out there, just the same as they rip down the streets here on their ATV's and absolutely NO ONE does anything about it other than say it's against the law. WHO is going to patrol them and enforce the bylaws and will they be working after hours and on weekends or holidays? It's already a shame you can't get a bylaw officer after hours or on weekends or holidays for parking infractions.	4/18/2017 1:38 AM
15	I see no reason why the waterway cannot be shared in a safe manner so that a greater number of the taxpayers that are paying for the canal can actually enjoy it.	4/15/2017 9:14 AM
16	We should all be able to use motorized craft in the welland canal, not just under "special circumstances" ie the rowing club people.	4/14/2017 10:58 AM
17	Should be availed to all tax payers or none at all.	4/14/2017 3:37 AM
18	The canal has become nothing more than a private playground for the minimal number of people in this city who like to paddle around. This is a waste of taxpayer dollars to appease such a small number of people.	4/13/2017 12:02 PM
19	I believe that the recreational canal should be available for use by all who wish to pursue their past times. Anglers are highly restricted in its use without the ability to utilize motorized boats and I believe too much focus has been given to other specific uses, ie rowing.	4/13/2017 7:40 AM
20	I think were are missing a huge fishing industry and it is not fare to the general public to be excluded from motor boat use	4/13/2017 7:27 AM
21	Missed opportunity. Small launch fees would generate profit.	4/12/2017 2:52 PM
22	Don't care for the idea of rowing clubs etc... being allowed to us motors and the people paying taxes can't. Should be all or nothing	4/6/2017 2:01 PM
23	it's too restrictive. We're growing, let's try new things and embrace the potential our canal has.	3/31/2017 7:12 PM
24	We need to expand its uses. We can share. Motor boats and canoes can have different zones along the canal.	3/31/2017 11:58 AM
25	Canal hardly gets used. Need to expand the use under strict supervision	3/31/2017 9:46 AM
26	pollution and noise and increased taxes for insurance	3/29/2017 9:52 PM
27	The recreational canal is a man made waterway originally designed for shipping and should be able to with stand the effects if proper speed limits size and weight of watercrafts are still restricted	3/27/2017 11:40 PM
28	No never. To much leaway for accidents and misusing the water way.	3/25/2017 10:09 PM
29	The Waterway is an opportunity to drive tourism to the city and specifically the downtown core. Businesses & Festivals could benefit from increased access by amending the by-law.	3/25/2017 5:48 PM
30	Leave it as it is. Quiet!	3/25/2017 12:49 AM
31	No - welland doesnt have much for fun- motorizednwateecrafts are great and fun for all	3/24/2017 1:02 PM
32	It's excluding certain groups. The canal should be open for fishing activitites. Slow speed. No high speed. No jet skis.	3/24/2017 12:42 PM
33	No gas motor boat at all	3/24/2017 10:50 AM
34	Allow fishing in motor boats	3/24/2017 9:21 AM
35	More people can benefit from the canal if allowed to partake in activities that they like (ie.fishing with use of small motor boat). It is a pain to fish on a canoe.	3/24/2017 8:49 AM

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36	there is room for all if different zones are established	3/24/2017 7:29 AM
37	I do not, Most fisherman would be on the Water early and off the Water before any recreational activities begin.	3/24/2017 5:58 AM
38	It is a wonderful place for physical activity and to enjoy family time without noise and chaos	3/24/2017 2:50 AM
39	I think smaller boats with small and quiet motors may be allowed - except during eg. amphitheater concerts.	3/23/2017 9:53 PM
40	I currently go water skiing with my family at the Grand River and Welland River (Chippawa Creek) near the QEW because those are the only 2 places with relatively calm water, conducive to water sports. I wholly understand the concerns over erosion, however, I'd be more worried about erosion on 'natural waterways' which allow motor boats anyway. But, the Welland Canal is mostly man-made and efforts could be taken if needed to reduce erosion concerns such as small rock mounds near the shores in sensitive areas, and increased tree plantings with large root structures. Unfortunately I could not make the public meeting but am interested in knowing why the City cannot segregate canal access before / after certain bridge points to motorized and non-motor boats to please both parties? Please consider letting motor boats back in the canal, this By-law isn't that old and can be reconsidered.	3/23/2017 4:32 PM
41	ag large portion off citizens are being left out or ignored and i figure out which one it is.	3/23/2017 3:17 PM
42	Avid fisherman, everyone should be able to use the waterway	3/23/2017 2:48 PM
43	no, it would have to be monitored at an additional expense to the city . Too much risk to have high powered craft in the canal that is narrow. We had several accidents when it was allowed	3/23/2017 2:28 PM
44	No. It's water and meant to be enjoyed. Keep one small Area for quiet canoing and other for boats. Really the outspoken and loud ones want quiet. Lose stupid rules that ate just causing and wasting time.	3/22/2017 9:54 PM
45	no. we need to have motor boats on the canal asap.	3/21/2017 9:31 PM
46	No This canal belongs to all tax payers	3/21/2017 9:17 PM
47	Waterway use is currently very minimal and much use is by other thanWelland taxpayers.,	3/21/2017 6:34 PM
48	No waterways should be for everyone if that applies to people who own lakefront property then it should apply to the canal	3/21/2017 5:12 PM
49	City should allow some access to the Canal for family fun	3/21/2017 3:18 PM
50	It limits use of the waterway	3/20/2017 9:08 PM
51	No. You have a beautiful water way, let people enjoy it.	3/20/2017 6:26 PM
52	The serenity and beauty of the canal would be ruined by motorized boats as well as the erosion of the banks of the canal. It is a beautiful place for all to enjoy and noisy boats would ruin this. How can one enjoy the concerts during the summer if motor boats are booming by? what about the safety of the other users of the canal and the swimmers. Who is going to pay to police the waterway	3/20/2017 3:24 PM
53	Must increase participation of local residents on canal use. Currently, many city residents do not know who is using the canal, when it is being used (special events, etc.) and who to contact to get more information. I have had visitors come from far away and ask how to get to a specific event and i cant tell them what it is or where it is located, what the schedule is.	3/20/2017 12:22 PM
54	Certain areas should remain 'go quiet' but believe there is a lot of room for growth along the waterway. Buffalo's waterfront is a great example. I think there is room for all recreational activities in designated areas.	3/20/2017 6:18 AM
55	Absolutely not. As a swimmer who has trained for the past 8 years n the canal I am always concerned about any water traffic around me. We are low in the water and even with a bright coloured cap sometimes hard to see especially if the wTer is a bit rough. Getting hit by a motor boat not paying attention could kill me. I am very concerned to share the wAter with a boat. They will win in the event of a Collision. Plus let's add the potential of substance abuse on the waterways. Drugs and alcohol. Please don't allow this. There are also kids and families enjoying the weather. It's so nice to see. Don't ruin it please.	3/19/2017 7:44 PM
56	It should be used by everyone and anyone who would like to use it.	3/19/2017 10:00 AM
57	Our waterway is not being used to capacity	3/18/2017 10:18 PM
58	The city use to allow motor boats when i was growing up. I have fond memories of those times and never understood why they put this by law in place.	3/18/2017 9:31 AM
59	No. I think there should be allowed to have motorized boats in the north end away from everyone else.	3/17/2017 6:53 PM
60	Canal should be for everyone	3/17/2017 6:24 PM
61	Will change the landscape of the canal	3/17/2017 1:07 PM

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62	no i feel that the canal should be available to all taxpayers.	3/17/2017 9:14 AM
63	It was one of my favourite places to go for boat rides. It is always calm and relaxing and nice to fish out of boat with kids	3/16/2017 10:11 PM
64	we're fortunate enough to have a canal, it's time we embrace its potential and diversify its uses. Yes it's a contentious debate, however there is no reason we can't have a compromise and split it into zones. It's a big canal!	3/16/2017 5:01 PM
65	Motorized boats had brought in money for the city of welland, gas ice food.etc.	3/16/2017 4:11 PM
66	There is no use of the public for this waterway!	3/16/2017 11:58 AM
67	Not allowing people who have motorized boats to share the waterway while operating their boat safely and respectfully with regards to others is a form of discrimination.	3/16/2017 11:47 AM
68	Seems to be room for more uses. If erosion happens change the by law.	3/16/2017 11:42 AM
69	No, Things should be switched up, if someone has an electric motor and uses their boat in a respectful/clean matter, I don't see why they shouldn't be able to do so. It would bring more options to a variety of people and perhaps attract more visitors depending how it plays out.	3/15/2017 10:47 PM
70	Too limiting and limits people who use it to rowing and nothing else	3/15/2017 9:02 PM
71	There is not enough shoreline access for dock fishing or to put in a canoe. If the number of access points for non-motorized boats was increased everywhere along the canal, then I would support the by-law. But if access is not improved, then I support allowing motorboats up to 5 hp on the WRW.	3/15/2017 7:17 PM
72	Rowers hardly use the rowing club, why do they need to hog the whole canal.	3/15/2017 6:56 PM
73	People need more freedom	3/15/2017 2:46 PM
74	I would like to see motorized boating	3/15/2017 12:11 PM
75	Waterways are federally regulated by transport Canada. wrcc and city of welland bylaws have no jurisdiction. Was a VORR vessel operation regulation restriction ever applied for and granted .	3/15/2017 12:49 AM
76	it should be more inclusive....canal should be stocked with fish and small electric motors on fishing boats allowed.	3/14/2017 4:58 PM
77	The issue of a previous fatality on the waterway seems to be an ignored issue. It happened a few years back and highlights the dangers of operating speedy motorized watercraft in the canal. It seems the politicians are ignoring and avoiding this incident. I recall recommendation including expensive security and even more expensive insurance before anymore motorized craft were allowed on the canal. There may have been a lawsuit with a hefty payout incurred by the city. Erosion was a minor reason for the shutdown. The death was the main factor. The person was killed on a jet-ski or sea-doo.	3/14/2017 2:47 PM
78	NO the canal belongs to all residents.	3/14/2017 1:05 PM
79	It should satisfy the interests of all citizens. Motorcrafts south of division.	3/13/2017 9:46 PM
80	I believe the water way could benefit from having boats back in the water way	3/13/2017 4:34 PM
81	no it excludes boaters	3/13/2017 9:55 AM
82	The potential of the canal is being limited. Adjusting regulations and zoning the canal would not creat noise pollution .	3/13/2017 9:12 AM
83	No the water should be shared and used by all in Welland care and share	3/13/2017 8:03 AM
84	There is enough that all can use the canal. Return to the way it was many years ago.	3/13/2017 7:28 AM
85	Good fishing lost, Tourist revenue lost. 4 Stroke motors only. No 2 stroke allowed (pollution). No wake, 4 MPH speed limit, 0600 to 1200 hours. My 4 stroke 90HP outboard has one tenth the noise of a motorcycle. Restricted from swimming areas.	3/13/2017 6:40 AM
86	We should keep the water clean and quiet	3/13/2017 3:47 AM
87	As a tax payer and responsible boater fishing on the canal was best thing the city had	3/13/2017 12:19 AM
88	No...it could draw more people down town. For example water skiing, jet ski rentals, docks along the shore for boats to use restaurants etc. There are so many opportunities for this canal.	3/13/2017 12:17 AM
89	The wrw can generate more income with additional activities required by motorized watercrafts. We should maximize the canal to its fullest potential from a revenue and luxury standpoint.	3/12/2017 11:10 PM
90	No, this city doesn't need 3 rowing clubs used mostly by people from other cities, for erosion of Merritt island, it makes no sense to ban motor boats, because there are concrete break walls on canal side and NOT the river side, this makes no sense	3/12/2017 9:41 PM

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91	Everyone should enjoy the water	3/12/2017 9:16 PM
92	Welland need something positive to do in Welland	3/12/2017 8:35 PM
93	I would like to be able to use a small gas powered boat to fish or just enjoy a day on the canal.	3/12/2017 7:48 AM
94	Boaters should have the same usage as others	3/11/2017 4:00 PM
95	There is not sufficient info provided by the city regarding cists for superbision, liability coverage, details on where any motorized vessels would be launched. If the city allows this what about the rowing clubs and the investment into those facilities.	3/11/2017 2:27 PM
96	No because it is a big water way that can be shared it is underutilized. I used to go down to the canal with family friends and fish or waterski or tubing with the boat. Everyone used to get along back then even when the ski club was at the south end. Problems started when seadoos became popular. As far as the noise issue there isn't really much noise that comes from a boat and bank erosion well most of it has concrete sides it was built for big ships windy days create the same size waves as most boats and you can't stop the wind. I attended a meeting about the canal the summer before it was closed down about building it to be a better fishery we were told boats would never be banned wasn't too many months later they banned them I have had a bitter taste about this city ever since. A lot of people liked to see boats cruising and people using the canal for activities with the boats. Now most of the canal sits unused and is a shame to see	3/11/2017 10:33 AM
97	Before the change, we would fuel up, spend the afternoon on the water, head out for dinner, pick up some snacks and beverages and spend the night at a local venue or in our own backyard. All of this time and purchases occurred in Welland. After the change, we rented a cottage and spent our time and money in Lowbanks.	3/11/2017 10:24 AM
98	No. In Niagara we are very fortunate...we have 2 lakes in close proximity. Wide open and ready for speed. The Go-Quiet has provided many an athlete the ability to do their sport in a safe manner. Work has been done to maintain the waterway for sport-specific reasons. Why obliterate all that's come to be for something (the lakes) just down the road?	3/11/2017 10:23 AM
99	if have the canal lets use it	3/10/2017 11:00 PM
100	No, 7km stretch of a waterway is more then enough water to support motorized vessels. The canal was built for large freighter ships, so why are motorized vessels banned? It doesn't make sense.	3/10/2017 6:04 PM
101	Limits use by a large majority of our 53000 residents who pay taxes towards the recreational use of our overall canal waterway	3/10/2017 3:24 PM
102	Currently, except for the organized water usage, I am seeing an empty canal most of the time. Row boats!!!	3/10/2017 11:24 AM
103	The present status seems to favor a few. While I believe there should be allowance for motorized vessels, they should be limited to low horse powered inits and a speed limit enforced. I could never understand those who launched their big boats ( Donzi's for example) and go roaring up and down the canal. They have a big lake to go play in.	3/10/2017 9:59 AM
104	It does not provide access to all parties(citizens) to a public place.	3/10/2017 7:24 AM
105	I grew up boating on the canal. It was fun and we never had any issues. The waterway is large enough to allow motor boats. The canal was designed for boat passage, and it should be returned as such.	3/10/2017 6:14 AM
106	I look at it as a wasted resource that could bring non residents in to use the water way .	3/10/2017 1:15 AM
107	Limits usage of canal to specified activity. Rowing club is allowed motorized boats	3/9/2017 7:41 PM
108	No, boating and other sports should be allowed on select days. To allow sharing of motorized days and non-motorized days	3/9/2017 6:28 PM
109	Unsure- love that the canals vision has come to life and love Fearless Females and the activities available on canal but also love wake boarding and if there was a way to make usable for everyone that would be nice.	3/9/2017 5:47 PM
110	No place for water skiing and lake is too rough	3/9/2017 3:40 PM
111	Time for more activities that allow families to enjoy more time together	3/9/2017 3:07 PM
112	Unable to water ski. Lakes are too wavy for water skiing	3/9/2017 2:45 PM
113	I believe the canal should be enjoyed by motorized boats as well as the non motorized. There should be restrictions such as area of use and time of use.	3/9/2017 2:37 PM
114	I believe certain sections can be restricted to motorized sports	3/9/2017 11:27 AM
115	Everyone should be able to enjoy the waterway in some form of pleasure	3/9/2017 11:02 AM
116	No but obviously nothing to excessive just like for anything else	3/9/2017 9:55 AM
117	The canal is a rather lengthy waterway. There is room for all to enjoy without causing issues	3/9/2017 9:30 AM

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118	It's water! We're meant to be on it. Growing up, I enjoyed watching boats on the canal and even jetskied on it once. Summer is so short. Let people enjoy the waterway.	3/9/2017 9:09 AM
119	The waterway should be open to all. The rowing clubs have motor boats in the canal and are not quiet by any means. My tax money shouldn't be used for anything on the waterway if I can use it.	3/8/2017 11:27 PM
120	Small boats during set hours eouldnt bother anyone	3/8/2017 10:44 PM
121	I feel we can make a lot of revenue from this private waterway right through our downtown, lined with parks for spectators.. Maybe open up a certain section for certain water craft...	3/8/2017 4:50 PM
122	WOULD LIKE TO SEE POEPL SKIING	3/8/2017 3:38 PM
123	The welland canal is a major fixture in welland...and the only way to use its glory is to pay through the nose to rent a "quiet" vessel. I guess we could purchase our own canoe / kayak to fit the by-law...however, we already lost enough when we sold our family water craft years ago (which was far more enjoyable)...the entire family spent time together because we all fit in the boat. It would be nice if we could all enjoy the best part of Welland...without restriction.	3/8/2017 9:55 AM
124	No	3/8/2017 9:53 AM
125	Miss seeing activity on the water besides the odd rower. For Wellands future develop we need to have boats on the water. I hope one day we could be like West St in Port Colborne where you can dock your boat and then hit up the local restaurants and shops near by.	3/8/2017 8:32 AM
126	Could be used for wakeboarding/wakeboard park, seadoos, jetskis, boat fishing, fishing derby	3/8/2017 3:19 AM
127	It is everyone's water, we need to share it.	3/7/2017 9:24 PM
128	many boats with larger motors are very quiet and would not crate a noise problem. Limiting recreational boats to a max of 75 hp would not be unreasonable but it would prevent speed boats with bigger and lowder motors from being on the waterway.	3/7/2017 2:55 PM
129	I grew up in Welland and in the summer would waterski, tube, and jetski pretty much every weekend in the summer on the canal. We loved it! I would love to be allowed to do that again with my family.	3/7/2017 1:02 PM
130	The canal is mostly unused. Allowing motorized boats might bring some life back to the city.	3/7/2017 11:01 AM
131	Not enough use of the waterway. I used with my boat in 90's	3/7/2017 8:11 AM
132	expand usage by general public, with certain restrictions	3/6/2017 10:30 PM
133	There needs to be inclusion for all to enjoy what the waterway in a way that would like to. Whether fishing, kayaking, etc...	3/6/2017 6:34 PM
134	The recreational waterway is artificial and eroding. I hold a use it and fix it mentality, otherwise fill in the eroding sections and allow crafts on the remaining areas.	3/6/2017 3:18 PM
135	No , Go quite by law .. This Canal was made for ships and boats of all sizes	3/6/2017 2:47 PM
136	Should be a shared common water way	3/6/2017 1:55 PM
137	no-quiet after dark is better for all	3/6/2017 1:08 PM
138	I believe it's important to balance use of the waterway by both residents and non-residents in a manner that complies with noise by-laws, respect for others, and mutually beneficial enjoyment of this privileged resource	3/6/2017 10:44 AM
139	Lots of canal should be used	3/6/2017 10:13 AM
140	No it limits the activities allowed on rec	3/5/2017 7:25 PM
141	As scuba diver, i dont like the idea of passing the by-law.	3/5/2017 10:47 AM
142	No. Its too restrective. The waterway is under utilised.	3/5/2017 8:45 AM
143	No, the recreational canal provides a safe sheltered waters area that small craft can use when lake conditions are unfavorable.	3/5/2017 2:13 AM
144	We used this waterway when full access was allowed. It provided access to calm waters for waterskiing as well as family boating activity. The ramp was free at the time and allowed a great day in Welland. I would suggest asking a ramp fee at this time. We spent entire days on this canal while visiting food and beverage places in Welland. Perhaps even stopping for gas for the boat and or truck. We also spent many days enjoying watching others on their boats.	3/5/2017 12:15 AM

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145	Disruptive to flat water boats, paddle boarders, etc: Lincoln launch site would be a disaster: Damage to canal banks: Noise of engines detracts from serenity for walkers on Merritt Island: Canal not long enough to make sense for motorized boats: Would be dangerous for divers and swimmers: engine fumes. These are just some of the reasons why the Canal should not have motorized boats, instead the City should get behind more events like the floatfest. The Canal is an asset that Welland should focus on being developed into a real attraction for residents and visitors.	3/4/2017 10:55 PM
146	It is too restricting and doesn't allow everyone to use the canal. Unless you are involved in a quiet sport, the canal is out.	3/4/2017 9:43 PM
147	Unsure of my thoughts	3/4/2017 1:14 PM
148	Takes away from people being able to fish in a boat.	3/4/2017 10:58 AM
149	No, it would draw so many more visitors if the use is expanded. After all it was made for large vessel usage.	3/4/2017 9:50 AM
150	No. There will always be a boater who will not abide the by law and someone will get hurt or killed	3/4/2017 8:33 AM
151	No, I do not support the decision to enforce the "go quiet" law because our public and recreational isn't even open to the majority of the public. More citizens of Welland and the Niagara region would benefit because more people in welland enjoy fishing and other water sports compared to the population of people who enjoy rowing.	3/4/2017 8:32 AM
152	because it preserve nature	3/4/2017 12:45 AM
153	AS A FAMILY WE USE TO WATERSKI TUBE&FISH ON THE CANAL IN A RESPONSBLE MANNER	3/3/2017 10:05 PM
154	The canal is a peaceful, tranquil place where families can enjoy nature, canoe and cayak with the distraction of noise speed boats and seadoos.	3/3/2017 8:34 PM
155	Never, the Go Quiet by-law certainly did exactly that, took away the liveliness there used to be, families having picnics while boating and water skiing, spent most of my teen and young adult years along the canal with the family and our boats	3/3/2017 8:24 PM
156	I would like to see things go bake to the way they were. The canal was always full of family's having a great time. It is not right that was taken away from us residents.	3/3/2017 7:09 PM
157	I do not support the current bylaw in place	3/3/2017 7:01 PM
158	It is my canal too, curb the motorcycle noise	3/3/2017 6:56 PM
159	It excludes a majority of the fishing community. Most people cannot afford to buy a kayak or canoe to fish out of along with our small boats. I'm limited to shore fishing in the canal currently, charging a couple of dollars for parking or launching a boat is acceptable.	3/3/2017 6:01 PM
160	I AM A TAX PAYER HERE AND I WOULD LIKE TO USE THE CANAL LIKE I USED TO FOR MY GRAND KIDS FOR WATER SKING BECAUSE THE LAKES ARE ALWAYS TO ROUGH FOR THEM	3/3/2017 5:42 PM
161	no	3/3/2017 3:13 PM
162	The existing by-law caters to special interest groups only,the rowers have far too much control over the canal	3/3/2017 3:09 PM
163	I would like to see motor boat access	3/3/2017 3:06 PM
164	I used to really enjoy watching people water ski and enjoy themselves . The canal has been underutilized for many years now.	3/3/2017 3:01 PM
165	It's a large body of water. You should have motor boat and jetski access between Woodlawn and the406. Small engines and paddle power between Woodlawn and Townline. With the exception of special events.	3/3/2017 1:48 PM
166	The canal "Go Quiet" By-Law targeted a large sum of the population and discriminated against the use of engine powered boats, which put a halt on Waterway sports like Skiing as well as Tubing.	3/3/2017 1:37 PM
167	the canal noise is no louder than the road noise around it.	3/3/2017 1:17 PM
168	No. The case for erosion was an absolute joke and I think everyone understands that now. Boating will bring life back to the city in the summer months and improve the economy. The welland canal has enormous potential and it's being underused today. I personally grew up wakeboarding and waterskiing on the canal-some of my best memories. I now have a son of my own and would love be able to go down the street, launch our boat/sea doo, grab some lunch by the water and enjoy our city!	3/3/2017 12:26 PM
169	This gem is going to waste for people who live in Welland.	3/3/2017 12:24 PM
170	The current law takes away from those who wish to use the waterway for boating...it is currently focused only on rowers.	3/3/2017 11:59 AM



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171	I enjoy recreational boating and water sports and since it was restricted when I have not been able to go out very often as it is a bit of a drive to Lake Ontario, Erie, or the Niagara River. I was a child when the bylaw was put in place and I wish children today can learn water sports in their hometown.	3/3/2017 11:12 AM
172	Waist of waterway	3/3/2017 10:57 AM
173	no	3/3/2017 10:55 AM
174	I think the waterway uses should be expanded so that more people can enjoy the waterway. The water in the river is too dirty for seadoos and tubing. There are many fishermen with boats (including our family) who would love to be able to use the rec canal and not just the river.	3/3/2017 10:30 AM
175	Fishing boats with less than 2.5 hp should be allowed.	3/3/2017 10:27 AM
176	In my "youth" I always enjoyed watching boats I the canal. I feel it would attract more people into the city core. The Welland canal is so beautiful and should be seen and enjoyed. I would love to see more outdoor cafes/restaurants downtown and the city core. Workers would enjoy the fresh air and sun during their lunch and not feel coupled up	3/3/2017 10:10 AM
177	Everyone should be able to use the canal	3/3/2017 9:42 AM
178	Everyone should be aloud to use the waterway and put speed limits in place	3/3/2017 9:32 AM
179	It's atrocious that all residents can't share the canal. Back in the 80's I used to love waterskiing in the canal. Then it was taken away for nothing but nonsense. Give the canal back to the tax payers.	3/3/2017 9:22 AM
180	Not enough activity, no atrtrations,	3/3/2017 8:53 AM
181	The Welland canal is an excellent asset to the community, banning boating and recreational water sports has defaulted attraction to the downtown core and the use of this great water way. There is an excellent fisheries in place as well as recreational and leisure boating. Our city is built on this canal, marketed on the canal and it is restricted for use.	3/3/2017 8:46 AM
182	It is underutilised.	3/3/2017 2:09 AM
183	Water should be able to be used by everyone not just a particular type of people..People should be able to have fun in the water no matter what you are doing in it!	3/3/2017 1:57 AM
184	I miss the days when welland hosted water ski events	3/3/2017 1:02 AM
185	I pay taxes, I should be able to use the Rec as desired.	3/3/2017 1:00 AM
186	No. All residents should be allowed to enjoy the canal. Not just the non motorized ones.	3/3/2017 12:02 AM
187	I believe the water way should not be limited to unpowered vessels. i grew up fishing on a powerboat on the canal, I have now fished it since the ban	3/2/2017 11:09 PM
188	I used to enjoy water sports behind a motorboat with my family. Now it is too far to find a place to do so.	3/2/2017 10:56 PM
189	Motorized should be allowed	3/2/2017 10:54 PM
190	I think everyone should be able to enjoy it.	3/2/2017 10:38 PM
191	Canal should be used recreationally with designated areas for all types of water craft	3/2/2017 10:37 PM
192	I feel that it is not used as much now. Years ago the can of Welland attracted many people to visit our wonderful waterway.	3/2/2017 10:31 PM
193	I think small motorized boats would make greater use for fishing and just cruising	3/2/2017 10:23 PM
194	No	3/2/2017 10:04 PM
195	no because I think all people should be allowed to use it.I think small motor crafts would allow more people in the city to use the waterway	3/2/2017 9:39 PM
196	No. More people should be able to use the waterway	3/2/2017 9:25 PM
197	It is a fantastic resource that is being underutilized	3/2/2017 9:10 PM
198	we feel it should be uswd for all water activities with patrolled marine enforcement. We can see a vision for welland!! we boat on the Trent Severn and have seen where the money is. on the water bistros, wine and dine restaurants will bring money to the water. Large water vessels could come from Lake Ontario/Erie and dock over night!!!! I can see the investment opportunity. however I would still love to use the canal for kayaking etc!!	3/2/2017 9:04 PM
199	X	3/2/2017 8:56 PM

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200	No. We are blessed with having a waterway which has so much more potential than the restricted use implemented. Lifting restrictions could generate more business for our little city from tourism and even from boat owners in Welland enjoying a day out with friends and family.	3/2/2017 8:46 PM
201	not sure	3/2/2017 8:40 PM
202	Motorized boats with small electric motors should be allowed for fishing and recreational boating.	3/2/2017 8:06 PM
203	Jus caters to the well to do and select few	3/2/2017 8:06 PM
204	Need a motor to properly trolling for fish	3/2/2017 7:55 PM
205	The waterway should be multi purpose use to appease all citizens of Welland and abroad.	3/2/2017 7:51 PM
206	Canal use is restricted to a few ie. Rowers, kayaks. Must incorporate more ways for a variety of users: swimmers, boaters, floaties, water skiers	3/2/2017 7:48 PM
207	Would like to see the canal used for fishing from a motor boat	3/2/2017 7:42 PM
208	The canal is sitting here and people should be able to enjoy it. Other cities spend millions of dollars creating what we already have here for people to enjoy.	3/2/2017 7:15 PM
209	People should be aloud to enjoy the water on their boats!	3/2/2017 7:12 PM
210	We are wasting opportunities for tourism, and the canal had been hijacked by the rowing clubs.	3/2/2017 6:06 PM
211	canal seats idle to often	3/2/2017 5:56 PM
212	Motorized boats will ne disruptive to rowing, canoe and kayak training and competitions. New regulations are required to ensure compliance and safety for everyone on the water. Enforcement is required to maintain compliance and safety. Consideration needs to be given to limiting the number of motorized boats on the water at high usage times (statutory holidays, weekends and evenings). An increase in motorized traffic will affect nesting waterfowl and other animals. Garbage will be another concern. Is there room for overflow parking of cars and trailers?	3/2/2017 5:50 PM
213	We used to use the water way and feel it is unfair we have to drive to Chippewa or Port Colborne to use our boat	3/2/2017 5:48 PM
214	No because at one point boats were allowed	3/2/2017 5:47 PM
215	It excludes too many other uses.	3/2/2017 5:34 PM
216	Because that is a law that is prohibiting some people from using the waterway and enjoyment. The city of Welland is not promoting inclusiveness, sharing. We need to treat all groups equally and without exception.	3/2/2017 5:24 PM
217	No...residents should be allowed to use the citys waterway if they choose for all recreation	3/2/2017 5:16 PM
218	This facility belongs to everyone, not just the rowing club	3/2/2017 5:15 PM
219	I have alot of memories boating and the canal and i want my children to have the same	3/2/2017 5:02 PM
220	I enjoyed growing up skiing etc, on the canal and look forward to this again.	3/2/2017 4:53 PM
221	The canal should be utilized by all user groups with safety guidelines. Special events like water ski competitions or jet ski races could bring money and exposure to welland. In winter ice hockey skating and even motorcycle ice racing could make money for welland in the off season.	3/2/2017 4:47 PM
222	Too restrictive. This will eliviate the traffic off the Welland River	3/2/2017 4:45 PM
223	I think it should be okay for motorized boats to be in the waterway in certain areas for certain activities, especially fishing.	3/2/2017 4:37 PM
224	Because we all pay taxes so we should all be allowed to use the waterway.	3/2/2017 3:51 PM
225	I feel it should be sectioned off to a quiet zone and an area for boaters etc	3/2/2017 3:46 PM
226	When a "go quiet" bylaw is presented to people it creates more issues. Perhaps a time restrictions for the bylaw as in the normal 11:00pm-7:00am could be of value but anything else is too extreme. It will cause a lot of people to call the city on others who are being "too loud". It's during the day people should be able to be as loud as they want.	3/2/2017 3:40 PM
227	No. Most of Welland's population is excluded from using the canal due to restrictions permitting only a few special interest groups.	3/2/2017 3:37 PM
228	No. I remember water skiing in the canal as a teen. Local boaters deserve access!	3/2/2017 3:27 PM

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229	We own a small bowrider boat and have 2 young children. We would love to make use of the canal which is right down the road from us rather than having to drive to the Grand River or Lake Erie or Lake Ontario. The lakes are often too wavy to take the boat out with the children. Some of my best childhood memories are boating on the canal with my parents. I want my children to be able to share in that joy. Plus I feel it would create huge business opportunity to open up a marina, boat launch, canal side restaurants that you can dock right up too as well as little shops ran by local small business owners. Welland could be the new Port Colborne! Please consider making this happen. Business Opportunity + Pleasure = Happy Welland Residents ♥	3/2/2017 3:12 PM
230	Mostly I support it, but I believe use can safely be expanded to include small motors that would provide equivalent power/speed to say a swiftly-moving canoe.	3/2/2017 3:00 PM
231	The original use of the canal was for large ships, residential and commercial structures still built around it. No one was worried about the noise then. Maybe the downtown would benefit from the extra traffic on the canal. I love the scenery of downtown from the point of view of a boat. I think the no noise rule is very discriminatory. The canal is part of Welland and ALL residents should have access to it.	3/2/2017 2:44 PM
232	This by-law restricts canal use to one particular group, when in fact the waterway belongs to the entire community. When boats were allowed on the canal, it saw more use from the local public. Now it is primarily utilized by out-siders who come for competitions, but don't live in the community. There is enough canal for multi-use policies, everyone should be allowed to enjoy it.	3/2/2017 2:37 PM
233	It's not used enough.	3/2/2017 2:34 PM
234	No...I feel the waterway is being to restricted. Responsible use to allow boaters and fisherman to expand their use of the waterway is fine.	3/2/2017 2:30 PM
235	I think it should be open for use. Would help draw people and visitors to Welland. Smart business move	3/2/2017 2:24 PM
236	Recreational use of the waterway dropped dramatically after this restrictive by-law was passed. It is now a "dead" stretch of water. How unfortunate.	3/2/2017 2:15 PM
237	grand parents cant take kids for a ride and go fishing down the canal and enjoy the areas	3/2/2017 2:11 PM
238	For the most part yes. I am ok with SMALL quiet motors only however. Trolling motors or small motors for recreational use. Absolutley NO large motors, jet skis, large power boats, etc. Too loud. Too dangerous. Too disruptive.	3/2/2017 2:04 PM
239	It should be for everyone	3/2/2017 2:00 PM
240	The Canal used to be a place to go boating with family that was taken away, erosion is not the issue it came down to liability. Boaters should have valid insurance and could sign waivers at launch.	3/2/2017 1:58 PM
241	I don't own a boat nor have any interest in boating on the canal. However I do believe the canal belongs to all tax paying citizens of Welland and if some want to use the canal for small motorized boats, I feel they should be able to. I feel as long as there are physical boundaries designated for non motorized activities such as kayaking and swimming for safety reasons (could be dangerous is a scuba diver or swimmer is near a boat / motor), then we should relax the by-law and allow the canal to be more inclusive. It certainly shouldn't be opened up to any and all motorized vehicles, as the danger, noise and pollution would be too significant, but I'm sure there is a happy medium between that and what we currently have in place.	3/2/2017 1:54 PM
242	The calmness and serenity should not be shattered by noise and fumes from motors. Keep it clean and quiet.	3/2/2017 1:44 PM
243	No, because it was imposed without public input	3/2/2017 1:33 PM
244	Nice area that could be used a lot more	3/2/2017 1:29 PM
245	Beautiful canal with absolutely NO use. We have this amazing landmark but yet it just sits there. It's time to bring people to this broken city.	3/2/2017 1:29 PM
246	Canal is definately underutilized and therefore has an effect on the City as a whole. Driving over any of the bridges on a beautiful day and looking at the canal and seeing it void of activity gives people the impression to keep on passing through, nothing is happening here!!	3/2/2017 1:26 PM
247	12 KM or rowing does nothing for me or most people of Welland, Seeing empty bleachers at all rowing events tells the story that Rowing is not a Welland sport.	3/2/2017 1:21 PM
248	It is not an inclusive policy for residents and users of the WRW.	3/2/2017 1:16 PM
249	Room for multi-uses in specified areas	3/2/2017 1:12 PM
250	I believe there is more opportunity for residents to enjoy the waterway by allowing motors and I believe the local businesses (restaurants, gas stations, marinas, power sports sales, etc.) will benefit from the new waterway users.	3/2/2017 1:12 PM
251	restricts people with motor boats	3/2/2017 1:05 PM

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252	No, the canal is a great attraction that could bring interest to our community.	3/2/2017 12:21 PM
253	not fair to all	3/2/2017 12:13 PM
254	Residents are prohibited from fully enjoying our recreational canal system, which is a shame on so many levels. It shouldn't be all about making money, it should be to allow the people that live here the freedom to enjoy what we have.	3/2/2017 12:13 PM
255	I cant take a boat and go fishing. Only a "select few" are allowed to use the canal.	3/2/2017 11:56 AM
256	at present it is restricting use to an elitemonitors at minority	3/2/2017 11:55 AM
257	We need the waterway to come to life and become vibrant, and we need the water to be clean/purified with water features	3/2/2017 11:53 AM
258	it does not include all user groups	3/2/2017 11:42 AM
259	Unfair to all Welland taxpayers.	3/2/2017 11:37 AM