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Hi Michael,

Thank you for your inquiry.

Our operations are guided by the Mississippi River Water Management Plan. This is a public facing document you can find on our website for reference.

https://mvc.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/MississippiRiverWMP_Amended_2020-10-20.pdf

This has been a bit of an abnormal year as we saw an early freshet peak due to the warmer temperatures and rain in early March. As you've mentioned, Shabomeka is a headwater lake that relies on capturing early spring runoff to fill the lake to summer levels. Whenever possible we also aim to minimize ice movement to reduce shoreline damage. This year, due to the earlier start and significant ice cover that remained, we did let most of the first melt pass through the system, with the goal of minimizing ice movement. We were able to do this as we had an abnormally high snowpack at the start of March. Since then we have slowly started to replace logs and fill the lake towards our summer targets as this is our primary operating consideration and the snowpack continues to melt. With warmer temperatures and significant rainfall forecasted for this week, we will continue to replace logs and work towards those summer target levels.

Hope this helps.

Thanks,

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