



**Authority Meeting
Agenda**

#1/18

February 23, 2018

10:30 A.M.

Black Creek Pioneer Village, Weston Theatres, 1000 Murrary Ross Parkway, Downsview

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John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer

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APPOINTMENTS TO TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR 2018-2019

The Secretary-Treasurer can advise that all the persons listed below have been duly appointed and are entitled to sit as Members of this Authority for the 2018-2019 year, or until their successors are appointed.

ADJALA-TOSORONTIO/MONO

Glenn Mason

DURHAM

Kevin Ashe
Jack Ballinger
Colleen Jordan

TORONTO

Paul Ainslie
Maria Augimeri
Ronald Chopowick
Vincent Crisanti
Glenn De Baeremaeker
Jennifer Drake
Paula Fletcher
Michael Ford
Jim Karygiannis
Maria Kelleher
Giorgio Mammoliti
Mike Mattos
Jennifer McKelvie
Anthony Perruzza

PEEL

Chris Fonseca
Jennifer Innis
Matt Mahoney
John Sprovieri
Vacant

YORK

David Barrow
Jack Heath
Brenda Hogg
Linda Pabst
Gino Rosati

Section I – Items for Authority Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Authority
Meeting #1/18, Friday, February 23, 2018

FROM: Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial Officer

RE: **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

KEY ISSUE

The Conservation Authorities Act requires each conservation authority to undergo an external audit of its accounts and transactions each year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT KPMG LLP be appointed auditors of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for the year 2018, in accordance with section 38 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

BACKGROUND

Section 38 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* reads as follows:

38. (1) Every authority shall cause its accounts and transactions to be audited annually by a person licensed under the Public Accountancy Act . R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27, s. 38 (1).
- (2) No person shall be appointed as auditor of an authority who is or during the preceding year was a member of the authority or who has or during the preceding year had any direct or indirect interest in any contract or any employment with the authority other than for services within his or her professional capacity. R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27, s. 38 (2).
- (3) An authority shall, upon receipt of the auditors report of the examination of its accounts and transactions, forthwith forward a copy of the report to each participating municipality and to the Minister. R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27, s. 38 (3).

At Authority Meeting #8/16, held on October 28, 2016, Resolution #A175/16 was approved, in part, as follows:

THAT KPMG LLP be appointed auditor of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for the year 2016, in accordance with section 38 of the Conservation Authorities Act;

THAT the term of the engagement be limited to five years subject to annual appointments by the Authority based on satisfactory performance;...

RATIONALE

Although the contract period with KPMG LLP is for five years starting with 2016, the annual appointment of auditors at the TRCA annual meeting is a requirement as per Section 7.1 of TRCA's Rules of Conduct as follows:

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- 7.1 *The appointment of auditors and the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the Authority in each year;*

As such, staff is recommending that KPMG LLP be appointed auditors for TRCA for 2018.

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Section III – Items for the Information of the Board

TO: Chair and Members of the Authority
Meeting #1/18, Friday, February 23, 2018

FROM: Kathy Stranks, Senior Manager, Corporate Secretariat

RE: **GOOD NEWS STORIES**
October to December, 2017

KEY ISSUE

Overview of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority activities from October through December, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the summary of Good News Stories from October through December, 2017 be received.

BACKGROUND

As per Authority direction during 2006, a report covering highlights of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) activities is provided to the Authority quarterly. The stories for from October through December 2017 are as follows:

October

- TRCA's Restoration Projects Team has been selected to give a four panel session presentation at the National Ecosystem Restoration Conference, from August 26-30, 2018 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The focus of the TRCA presentation will be on highlighting the planning and implementation of restoration projects from strategic prioritization (Integration Restoration Prioritization), to securing partnerships, funding and resources, to implementation techniques, and monitoring success.
- Public and agency review of Scarborough Waterfront Project Draft Environmental Assessment has been completed and has resulted in no significant changes to the draft environmental assessment document.
- Rouge National Urban Park event held announcing transfer of provincial lands to the federal government (Parks Canada). TRCA agreement and land transfer should be complete within a few months.
- To celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday, TRCA's Conservation Parks gave away 1867 Conservation Parks - Family and Friends Memberships, during our "150 days of Giveaways" promotion, where we received consent for further contact from 2,486 people (51% of contest entries). We are now offering a follow-up Membership Promotion to people who entered the contest but did not win - 50% off the purchase of a Family and Friends Conservation Parks Membership.

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- TRCA's new waterfront research vessel, "R.V. Ken Higgs" was commissioned into service. The new vessel, was named after Ken Higgs, who has an impressive legacy with TRCA. Ken is a true conservationist whose career spanned more than six decades. He joined the newly formed Metropolitan and Toronto Region Conservation Authority (MTRCA) in 1957 and was a staff member until 1983. During his tenure, he played a significant role in the creation of waterfront parks and was instrumental in positioning MTRCA in its role of improving the health of the Lake Ontario shoreline while providing public access. TRCA choose to honor this legacy by naming the new vessel after him.

November

- The Monarch Teacher Network of Canada program was granted \$25,000 from The W. Garfield Weston Foundation to continue delivering teaching and learning with monarch butterfly workshops across Ontario, while also increasing monarch habitat.
- TRCA acquired 461 Guildwood Parkway, Toronto. The property is located between an existing community parkette and a TRCA-owned rental home located at 463 Guildwood Parkway that is nearing the end of its useful life and is currently vacant. The acquisition of 461 Guildwood Parkway provides TRCA with a unique opportunity to consolidate an important block of parkland along the Scarborough Bluffs into public ownership. This consolidation will allow for the expansion and enhancement of the existing community parkette, as well as allow for greater public access and enjoyment of the Scarborough Bluffs.
- The Girls Can Too program at Bolton Camp was the recipient of over \$15,000 from The Udder Tournament, a Caledon hockey tournament in memory of local dairy farmer Donna deBoer. The tournament is a large community event that raises money for scholarships to support female athletes attending post-secondary education and other community initiatives. This year Girls Can Too was selected as the "udder" charitable recipient since the initiative, which provides young women with hands-on learning experiences in construction and ecology and includes mentorship and training opportunities with females from a variety of professions, is in keeping with the tournament vision and Donna's belief in empowering young women.
- Ontario Climate Consortium (OCC), in collaboration with TRCA's Sustainable Neighbourhoods Retrofit Action Program (SNAP), was awarded the \$170,000 competitive grant from Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) Partners for Climate Action to develop a home energy efficiency program as part of the West Bolton SNAP program in Caledon. Program evaluation by Ontario Climate Consortium (OCC) academic partners is a key component of the project delivery.
- OCC, in collaboration with TRCA engineering and GIS staff, was approved for approximately \$90,000 in funding from Metrolinx to build capacity within Metrolinx for identifying their transit assets and their potential exposure to riverine flooding, at the regulatory storm level, as defined by local conservation authorities (CAs). This project would inform Metrolinx's Resiliency Strategy in development and is meant to be phase 1 of potential future phases of work.
- OCC was approved for approximately \$20,000 in funding from York Region to provide staff capacity and climate change expertise for identifying and scoping corporate climate change risks. The goal of this proposed project is to undertake a risk scan (modelled after City of Mississauga and Peel Region) and specifically align this process with York Region's asset management group. This information will establish a baseline and inform the development of a potential adaptation strategy/framework by the Region.

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- OCC, in collaboration with Conservation Ontario, was approved for approximately \$55,000 in from the MOECC to develop a science-based guidance document on how to undertake an assessment of climate vulnerabilities to the quality of the sources of municipal drinking water. This work is meant to assist source protection committees in the preparation of climate change adaptation policies to address the relevant climate change impacts associated with their source protection areas.
- OCC in collaboration with University of Guelph and broader Community Energy Knowledge Action Program partners, was awarded a \$60,000 grant from the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Education and Capacity Building Fund to develop a GIS tool to map renewable energy resources at the landscape scale, and pilot a model of participatory community engagement to identify priority sites for land-based renewable energy projects in the TRCA jurisdiction, specifically Peel Region and York Region.
- OCC was approved for \$10,000 in funding from Durham Region to complete Integrating Climate Change Considerations in Plans and Policies in Durham Region as a means to advance the implementation process of Durham's Adaptation Plan. Plans and policies from municipalities and CAs within Durham Region will be reviewed for any existing climate change considerations and recommendations will be made on how to consistently update plans and policies to appropriately integrate climate change considerations going forward.
- OCC was approved for \$10,000 in funding from Durham Region to complete Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment on Stormwater Infrastructure in the Region of Durham as a means to advance the implementation process of Durham's Adaptation Plan. Working directly with Durham GIS and Transportation staff, the vulnerability assessment will examine regionally only infrastructure following the same method employed by OCC in Vaughan. The enabling of consistent approaches across municipalities was of particular value to Durham.
- The Tommy Thompson Park (TTP) Bird Research Station banded its first ever eastern screech-owl. This could be a sign that the forest habitat at the park has matured enough to attract screech-owls and that we will see nesting in the future.
- West Bolton SNAP Thought Leaders Forum engaged more than 50 stakeholders (including community members, councillors, municipal partners and external thought leaders) in an innovative session to co-create the West Bolton SNAP. The event sparked conversations about how the West Bolton community can pioneer a new approach for sustainable urban renewal and community revitalization for other municipalities in Canada.
- Capreit approached the SNAP team to explore opportunities to replicate the Black Creek SNAP's San Romanoway Tower Revival Project initiative in its other privately owned multi-unit residential developments around the City of Toronto.

December

- TRCA staff recruited an external company (PGM Rail Services) to remove and re-purpose approximately 3km of abandoned rail infrastructure at Brock South, as well as provide a financial contribution that will be used to implement the Greenwood Conservation Lands Master Plan. The sustainable salvage of the rail line also provided a trail base for a future recreational trail at Brock South.
- TRCA staff completed the construction of the Valleywood Phase 2 trail connection which includes 600 metres of new trail and a new pedestrian bridge along the Etobicoke Creek Trail system in the Town of Caledon. This newly constructed trail link connects a new residential development and an existing development in the community of Valleywood to the Etobicoke Creek Valley and Etobicoke Creek trail system.

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- Installed new outdoor classroom at the Medicine Wheel Garden at Heart Lake Conservation Area to support First Nations ceremonies as well as events and gatherings with community members, school groups and corporate groups at the site.
- In 2017, TRCA staff led community based restoration efforts and initiatives which engaged 11,903 community members, planted 11,957 native trees and shrubs, planted 8,265 native wildflowers, monitored and maintained 69,136 square metres of newly planted sites and removed 9,504 lbs. of garbage from valleys, watercourses and natural areas.
- TRCA's Engineering Projects group has completed construction and demobilized from the Patterson Creek Sewer Protection Project in the Town of Richmond Hill. The project area spans a 700 metre stretch of the East Don River and contained five distinct locations where Region of York sewer lines were at risk of erosion including one site where the main was exposed. Construction took place over three years and consisted of implementing natural channel design works to protect the sewer and improve habitat for redbside dace.

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