

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Friday, March 24, 2023 Meeting

FROM: Darryl Gray, Director, Education and Training

RE: **2022-2026 NATURAL SCIENCE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

KEY ISSUE

Approval of appointments to the Natural Science and Education Committee (NSEC) until November 14, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the following members be appointed to NSEC until November 14, 2026;

School Board Trustees:

Stan Cameron, Peel District School Board
Pamela McCarthy, York District School Board
Nancy Crawford, Toronto Catholic District School Board
Angela Grella, York Catholic District School Board:
Anu Sriskandaranjah, Toronto District School Board
Deborah Oldfield, Durham District School Board
Monique Forester, Durham Catholic District School Board

THAT TRCA staff be delegated authority to process remaining member appointments upon their nominations as follows:

School Board Trustee Representatives:
Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board
Viamonde School Board
MonAvenir Catholic School Board;

Up to 2 Youth Representatives; and

Up to 2 Ministry of Education Representatives; and

Up to 2 Indigenous representatives with a Treaty right or historical affiliation to TRCA's jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND

TRCA's Board of Directors, at its meeting held on May 28, 2021, adopted Resolution #A107/21 in part as follows:

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Natural Science and Education

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Committee be established as outlined in Attachment 1: Natural Science and Education Committee Terms of Reference;

THAT a formal request for representation on the Natural Science and Education Committee be made to member organizations, as per Attachment 1: Natural Science and Education Committee Terms of Reference;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report on proposed appointments to the Natural Science and Education Committee for Board of Directors approval at the October 22, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

RATIONALE

NSEC was established to study and make recommendations to TRCA's Board of Directors regarding improvements and future needs as it pertains to the provision, planning or access for students to out-of-classroom learning related to natural science, conservation and the environment in the Greater Toronto Area region.

In order to ensure representation from key public-sector stakeholders, membership is comprised of representatives from the following:

- (a) School Board Trustee from each of the area school boards (up to 10);
- (b) TRCA Board of Directors Member (up to 2);
- (c) Ministry of Education (up to 2);
- (d) Indigenous representatives with a Treaty right or historical affiliation to TRCA's jurisdiction (up to 2);
- (e) Youth representatives (up to 2) attending an educational institution in TRCA's jurisdiction.

TRCA staff sent formal requests for representation to the school boards in TRCA's jurisdiction and received appointments from Peel District School Board, York Region District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, York Catholic District School Board, and Toronto District School Board. Staff recommend appointment of members of these Boards upon receiving nominations by their Boards of Trustees. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Viamonde School Board and MonAvenir Catholic School Board were not able to provide nominations for appointment in time for this report. Staff are working with these school boards to secure an appointee to participate in the committee.

The updated NSEC Terms of Reference includes an addition of section 6.05, allowing the Clerk's Office to reduce quorum requirements by the number of vacant positions, if recruitment for any vacant positions is no longer feasible. This ensures the preservation of quorum and that valuable NSEC input regarding out-of-classroom learning continues to be provided to TRCA staff.

Relationship to TRCA's 2022-2034 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following Pillars and Outcomes set forth in TRCA's 2023-2034

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Strategic Plan:

Pillar 3 Community Prosperity:

3.3 Informed citizens are conservation champions

Pillar 2 Knowledge Economy:

2.3 Advocacy and adaptability in the face of policy pressures

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

Staff will continue to work with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Viamonde School Board and MonAvenir Catholic School Board to secure appointments as appropriate.

A formal call for applications for youth representatives is underway with appointments anticipated in time for the first meeting of the NSEC.

Staff will contact Indigenous communities with a Treaty right or historical affiliation to TRCA's jurisdiction for the appointment of up to two (2) Indigenous representatives, as well as the Government of Ontario to appoint up to two (2) Ministry of Education representatives to the committee.

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