

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Executive Committee
Friday, September 13, 2024 Meeting

FROM: John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer

**RE: TRCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL
WATERSHED ALLIANCE VACANCIES**

KEY ISSUE

Receipt of resignation from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Executive Committee and the Regional Watershed Alliance (RWA) and recommendations on approach to fill Committee vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the resignation from City of Toronto Councillor Amber Morley from TRCA's Executive Committee and RWA, be received;

AND that the Board of Directors appoint TRCA Board Member Mario Russo to RWA to fill the vacancy left by City of Toronto Councillor Amber Morley;

AND that the appointment of Councillor Rod Power as the Municipal Representative for the City of Brampton, be received;

AND that the Executive Committee vacancy be addressed through an election at the September 27, 2024 Board of Directors meeting should an appointment of another City of Toronto member to the Executive Committee for the October and November 2024 meetings be requested.

BACKGROUND

On Friday June 21, 2024, TRCA's Clerks Office received formal resignation from City of Toronto Councillor Amber Morley from the Executive Committee and RWA.

In November 2023, TRCA Clerk's Office had received Councillor Gurpartap Sing Toor's resignation from RWA.

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TRCA's Executive Committee Vacancy:

With City of Toronto Councillor Amber Morley's resignation from the Executive Committee, the vacancy would be effective September 27, 2024 once the Board of Directors has received that resignation.

TRCA's Administrative By-Law permits vacancies arising between Annual General Meetings be appointed at the next available Board of Directors meeting under Section 11(2):

11. (2) Should a vacancy on the Executive Committee arise between Annual meetings an appointment for such position(s) will be held at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

With the vacancy left by a City of Toronto Councillor, the position must be filled by a City of Toronto member, whether a citizen appointee or a member of City of Toronto Council in accordance with TRCA's Administrative By-Law.

City of Toronto councillors are appointed until December 31, 2024, or until replaced, which could affect the Executive Committee membership once again at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on January 24, 2025. The Board of Directors will need to determine if the vacancy will be filled through an election at the September Board of Directors meeting and appointment of a City of Toronto member for the two remaining meetings in October and November 2024 or whether to defer the appointment to the AGM at which time all Executive Committee elections and appointments will be taking place. Deferring the appointment of the vacancy of the Executive Committee to the AGM would provide a longer timeframe for City of Toronto Board members to express their interest in being appointed as the City of Toronto Representative on the Executive Committee.

Regional Watershed Alliance Vacancy:

At its Regular Meeting of Regional Council on Thursday February 22, 2024, Peel Region appointed Councillor Mario Russo as the Municipal Representative to RWA following the resignation of Councillor Toor:

Resolution Number 2024-133
Moved by: Councillor Toor
Seconded by: Councillor Brown

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1. That the resignation of Councillor Toor from the Regional Watershed Alliance, a sub-committee of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) be received; and
2. That the Council of the Region of Peel endorse Councillor Russo for appointment to the Regional Watershed Alliance, a sub-committee of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for a term effective February 22, 2024, until the end of the current term of Council (November 14, 2026).

Carried

The intent of the Municipal Representative on RWA is to receive an appointment from one of the local municipalities outside of the Members of the Board of Directors. Throughout the process, TRCA's Clerks Office works with Government and Community Relations staff to recruit individuals to fill watershed resident vacancies on RWA and Participating Municipality Clerks' Offices to advise on recruitment for municipal representatives. Earlier this year, City of Brampton Councillor Rod Power had expressed an interest in one of the municipal representative positions on RWA, if one becomes available. Since receiving the resignation from City of Toronto Councillor Amber Morley from RWA, Government and Community Relations staff have advised City of Brampton Councillor Rod Power that there is vacancy.

Staff are recommending that Member Russo be included on RWA as the appointed Board of Directors Representative and accept the recommended appointment of City of Brampton Councillor Power as the Municipal Representative for the Region of Peel.

RATIONALE

Staff are seeking direction from the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors on how to address the vacancy left by City of Toronto Councillor Amber Morley's resignation from the Executive Committee and the RWA. The vacancy on Executive Committee could be addressed through an election and appointment at the next Board of Directors meeting as contemplated in the Administrative By-law or it could be considered at the AGM on January 24, 2025. With Member Morley's resignation from RWA, staff are recommending that Member Russo's appointment be changed from Municipal Representative to the Board Representative and that the Board receive the appointment of City of Brampton Councillor Rod Power.

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Relationship to TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following Pillar and Outcome set forth in TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan:

Pillar 4 Service Excellence:

4.4 Transparent decision making and accountable results

FINANCIAL DETAILS

There are no financial implications related to this report.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

TRCA Clerks Office will update the membership list for RWA and proceed with the onboarding of Councillor Power. The Clerks Office will also determine whether the Executive Committee would like to appoint a member to fill the vacancy for its next two planned meetings of 2024 at the next Board of Directors meeting on September 27th or to defer the appointment or election of the vacant Executive Committee member to the AGM in February 2025.

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Attachment 1: Executive Committee and Regional Watershed Alliance Resignation