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Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Meeting #7/19, Friday, July 26, 2019

FROM: Laurie Nelson, Director, Policy Planning

RE: **REQUEST TO DELEGATE PERMIT APPROVAL AND CANCELLATION OF
AUGUST 9, 2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

KEY ISSUE

The August 9, 2019 Executive Committee is proposed to be cancelled. Staff request the Board of Directors to delegate approval authority of all permits in the entire jurisdiction originally scheduled for the August 9, 2019 meeting to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS as a matter of new business at the July 9, 2019 Executive Committee, questions were raised about whether the August Executive meeting was necessary or could be cancelled subject to delegating authority for permit approvals to staff;

WHEREAS the August 9, 2019 Executive Committee meeting is herein proposed to be cancelled;

AND WHEREAS the timely issuance of multiple TRCA permits across our jurisdiction in the summer construction season is necessary;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the approval of all major development and infrastructure permits within the TRCA's regulatory jurisdiction originally scheduled for the August 9, 2019 Executive Committee meeting be delegated to the Director, Development and Engineering Services.

AND FURTHER THAT the August 9, 2019 meeting of the Executive Committee be cancelled.

BACKGROUND

At Board of Directors Meeting #2/16, held on April 1, 2016, Resolution #A28/16 was approved as follows:

WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) administers Ontario Regulation 166/06, as amended, "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation" under Section 28(1) of the Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 166/06, as amended, enables TRCA to approve permits with or without conditions;...

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Standard Permit Conditions as outlined in this staff report be endorsed and applied to all future permits approved by TRCA pursuant to Ontario Regulation 166/06, as amended;...

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THAT staff be directed to prepare additional Application-Specific Permit Conditions to be considered on individual permit applications before the Executive Committee, as may be required from time to time at the discretion of staff, in consultation with TRCA's legal counsel, depending on the unique circumstances of the individual application;...

Based on discussion at the July 9, 2019 Executive Committee meeting and follow up discussions with Board members, the August 9, 2019 Executive Committee meeting is proposed to be cancelled. There are "major" permits within the TRCA's regulatory jurisdiction scheduled for approval at this meeting.

RATIONALE

Given that the busy summer construction season results in a high volume of permit approval requests, and the proposed cancellation of the August 9, 2019 Executive Committee meeting, staff request an exception to Resolution #A28/16 to allow for the approval of all "major" development and infrastructure permits within the TRCA's regulatory jurisdiction originally scheduled for the August 9, 2019 Executive Committee meeting to be delegated to the Director, Development and Engineering Services.

Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following strategy set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:
Strategy 7 – Build partnerships and new business models

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Account Code 105-82 has been established to fund for TRCA's permitting. This account is funded by permit application fees.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

Staff will continue to work with proponents of "major" permit applications to ensure their timely approval upon satisfaction that the applications meet the five tests of O. Reg. 166/06.

Staff are also examining the issue of holding summer Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings when municipal councils are typically recessed and will report back on proposed approaches and suggestions at a future Board of Directors meeting.

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