

### Items for the Action of the Regional Watershed Alliance

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Regional Watershed Alliance  
Meeting #3/19, Wednesday, September 11, 2019

**FROM:** Chandra Sharma, Director, Community Engagement and Outreach

**RE:** **Appointment of Acting Chair and Acting Vice Chair**

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#### KEY ISSUE

To appoint an Acting Chair and an Acting Vice Chair to the Regional Watershed Alliance for the remainder of the Chair's term.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**WHEREAS the current Chair of the Regional Watershed Alliance is no longer a member of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors and hence, is no longer a member of the Regional Watershed Alliance;**

**AND WHEREAS the Regional Watershed Alliance currently has a Vice Chair and an Alternate in place;**

**AND WHEREAS the current term of the Chair ends with the Regional Watershed Alliance meeting taking place Wednesday, November 13, 2019 (Meeting #4/19)**

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Regional Watershed Alliance appoint the current Vice Chair as the Acting Chair and appoint the current Alternate as the Acting Vice Chair for the remainder of the current term of the Chair.**

#### BACKGROUND

The 2017-2021 Terms of Reference: TRCA Regional Watershed Alliance state that members will be appointed for a two-year term with a possible extension of up to two more years. The term of the current Chair will end after the RWA meeting taking place on November 13, 2019 (#4/19).

TRCA Vice Chair and RWA member, Councillor Jack Heath served as Acting Chair beginning with the first RWA meeting on November 15, 2017. At the Regional Watershed Alliance (RWA) meeting on November 14, 2018 (#3/18), Jennifer McKelvie was elected Chair of the RWA. Jennifer Drake was elected Vice Chair and Andy Wickens was elected Alternate.

The City of Toronto made new appointments to TRCA Board of Directors on July 18, 2019 and Jennifer McKelvie was not reappointed. Section 4.1.4 of the Terms of Reference state that in the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair will perform the Chair's functions. However, it is recognized that there is a distinction between the absence of the Chair and the Chair vacating their position, and that as such, the Vice Chair cannot fill the role of Chair when the Chair's position has been vacated without approval of the RWA.

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### **RATIONALE**

Given that there remain two RWA meetings (September 11, 2019 and November 13, 2019) in the current Chair's term, it is recommended that the current Vice Chair, Jennifer Drake, be appointed Acting Chair for the remainder of the term. It is also recommended that the current Alternate, Andy Wickens, be appointed Acting Vice Chair for the remainder of the term. If the RWA confirms these appointments, an election for the new Chair and Vice Chair will be held upon the commencement of the next RWA term.

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

This report supports the following strategies set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

**Strategy 5 – Foster sustainable citizenship**

**Strategy 12 – Facilitate a region-wide approach to sustainability**

### **DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE**

A new Chair and Vice Chair will be elected at the beginning of the next term of the RWA.

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